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OUR IM-MOTABILITY

A DISABLED couple from Harlow this week hit out after a charity stripped them of a car amid allegations they improperly used it to make money.

Pauline Dukes (50), of The Downs, learned on Tuesday that one of two vehicles she and partner Robert Timms (65) obtained via the Government-funded Motability scheme will be taken away – because she used it to help her son deliver catalogues.

Mrs Dukes, who chose to invest her disability allowance in the scheme to help pay for the car, claimed the charity – which has offices in Roydon Road, Harlow – took back the Renault Kangoo because it believed the vehicle was used “as a business” and the couple were therefore in breach of their contract.

But she emphatically denied the charge, claiming she had only been helping her 22-year-old son Mark by driving him around the neighbourhood to deliver catalogues for just one week and had at no time used the car as a means to make money for herself.

“I can’t believe that they would take our car away for something like this,” she said. “We were only driving our son around to help him earn a bit of money for his studies.

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“We spent a week helping him out – how does that add up to using the car for business purposes? I’m planning to appeal against this decision – they assessed me and my needs and deemed me eligible to get a car but now they’ve just taken it away for no reason.”

Her partner Mr Timms, who suffers from polymyalgia and is largely wheelchair-bound, also faces the potential loss of his Motability car due to an ongoing dispute with the Department for Work and Pensions over his Disability Living Allowance.

“If Rob’s car is taken away too, we really will be left high and dry with no way of getting around,” said Mrs Dukes. “We rely on those cars for so much – are Motability going to send someone round to do our shopping? I don’t think so.”

A Motability spokeswoman said the charity would not comment on individual cases but added: “In general, Motability may act if it is believed the terms and conditions of an agreement may have been breached but only after thorough inquiries.

“This is to help protect the scheme’s reputation and its affordability to our many disabled customers.”



UNFAIR?: Pauline Dukes and Robert Timms with the car which has been taken off them (photo: WCPV29QN/04)

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Savage pitbull strikes twice more in town

SAFETY concerns are mounting after reports this week of two further attacks on small dogs by a ferocious pitbull-terrier cross, allowed to roam free by its owner.

Following the *Star's* report last week on the mauling of a springer spaniel puppy, two other dog-owners have come forward with strikingly similar stories.

Pauline Black, of Parsonage Leys, Harlow, told how her pet – also a young springer spaniel – was attacked by a dog matching the same description close to the scene of last week's incident in St Mark's underpass. "My kids were out walking our dog in the woods behind St Mark's when this terrier-pitbull cross came hurtling towards them and pinned him down," she said.

"It clamped its jaws around his neck and started biting him. My son tried to drag it off but couldn't. Then the dog's owner appeared and punched it to make it stop. He gave my kids a mobile number, which turned out to be false, and offered to pay any vet's bills.

"He said his name was Joe and told them the dog had been rescued and he was in the process of training him up.

"He was very apologetic but obviously he can't be bothered to muzzle it or even keep it on a lead. It's surely only a matter of time before this dangerous animal attacks a young child, which would be disastrous."

A second dog-owner, who did not want to be named, said her puppy was "tossed around like a rag doll" and her boyfriend bitten by what she described as a "vicious" brown and white Staffordshire terrier while walking in Harlow Town Park.

"The owners didn't seem to be bothered despite repeated pleas for them to stop their dog, so my partner had to intervene himself and that was when the dog bit him on the hand. He had to go to hospital for stitches and our puppy had to be taken to the vet's as he'd sustained a puncture wound.

"I can't believe how irresponsible the owners of this vicious animal are. Imagine if it attacked a child – it would be horrifying."

A Harlow police spokesman warned dog owners and parents of young children to be on guard against further attacks, adding: "Dog owners are reminded to keep proper control of their animal.

"A dog that attacks others could eventually cause serious harm to a child or other person, as recent appalling incidents elsewhere in the country have shown."

Both sides 'justified' by college row probe

A SPECIAL investigation by the Government's further education regulator has been seized upon as a victory by both sides in the bitter dispute at Harlow College.

Both principal Colin Hindmarch and his opponents have claimed vindication of their positions following publication of the Learning and Skills Council report into the ability of the college to deliver education in the town after September.

The report – compiled at the request of Harlow MP Bill Rammell – was interpreted by the University and College Union and its supporters as a damning rebuke of the principal and governors, with suggestions the LSC's recommendations could be equated to putting a school into 'special measures'.

However, Mr Hindmarch and governors' chairman Martin Coleman welcomed the report and insist the LSC backs their strategy.

The recommendations direct the college to develop its action plan, implement "development and team/ethos building" for managers and governors, accept LSC support for the senior management team and curriculum areas, and appoint two new governors.

Mr Hindmarch said 96 per cent of staff required for the new academic year have been appointed and the college will be able to offer a full programme come September.

"We have been working hard to ensure all our staff are of the high calibre needed to deliver the excellence our college and our students need," he said.

However, the UCU's Barry Lovejoy said the

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report was a "wake-up call" for Mr Hindmarch to listen to his staff

"An enormous proportion of the teaching staff have left, many of whom were very experienced and highly rated," he said.

Jim Rogers of the Save Our College group, which includes students and parents, said the LSC's recommendations were "akin to special measures", adding: "They're only called 'recommendations' because that's the civil servant speak that the LSC favour. If you read them, they are actually demands not requests."

In a public meeting at Harlow Civic Centre on Sunday, a motion calling for the resignations of Mr Hindmarch and Mr Coleman won unanimous support.

Mr Rammell, who chaired the meeting and has since requested a meeting with the principal and governors to relay its concerns, said the LSC recommendations were "positive".

"External management advice to the college management team should help avoid a repetition of some of the mistakes that have been made recently," he said. "Two extra governors should help improve the standard of governance and oversight at the college and I am pressing that one of these should be a full-time, experienced, trade union official."

● A poll on the *Star's* website asked "Is Harlow College principal Colin Hindmarch right to introduce his new teaching and learning strategy?" Of 359 votes, 95.8 per cent said 'no' and 4.2 per cent said 'yes'.



As much in love as ever!

ENDURING love was the cause for celebration when a happily married couple raised a glass to their 65 years of wedded bliss on Wednesday.

Phyllis (84) and Eric Spencer (89), of Elm Close, Epping Green, tied the knot in a Tottenham register office in 1942 following a whirlwind romance with its roots in Mrs Spencer's hometown of Arbroath, Scotland.

"I went out with some friends with the intention of going to a dancehall we used to always go to," said Mrs Spencer. "But when we couldn't get in we decided to go somewhere else, which is where I first met Eric.

"He asked me to dance and while we were dancing I noticed he was chewing gum, which put me off a bit to be honest! But I saw him again the following night and we

were soon getting on like a house on fire.

"I didn't hesitate to say 'yes' when he proposed to me, even though he did it outside Arbroath cemetery!"

When asked what the secret of their happy marriage was, Mrs Spencer replied: "We've had our ups and downs like everybody does, but we've always talked things over instead of having rows. We both still love each other now as much as we always have done."

The couple will celebrate their landmark anniversary with a meal on Saturday, at which they hope to see many family members.

Mrs Spencer added: "We've got four children, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, and we can't wait to celebrate our anniversary with all of them this weekend – we really are very lucky to have such a wonderful family."

Sat nav thief got in via store's roof

A THIEF smashed through the roof of a store and descended from the ceiling to steal more than £4,000 worth of satellite navigation systems.

Staff at Halfords, in Howard Way, Harlow, arrived on Sunday to find a hole in the roof and 20 of the devices missing.

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Vin's memorial to cycling colleague



WE'LL REMEMBER: Pictured at the memorial to Tom are Matthew Whittle, Ian Denson, Joe Gorni, Kevin Denson, Lewis Chapman, Vin Denson and Tim McAnerney (s)

A FORMER champion cyclist and keen member of Harlow Cycling Club has led a special ride to remember the life of a sporting colleague who died 40 years ago.

Former Tour De France competitor Vin Denson (71) has just returned from Mont Ventoux in the south of France, where fellow rider Tom Simpson died in 1967 at the age of 29.

Mr Denson, from High Laver near Harlow, was joined by a group of family and friends for the tribute to his old friend, who died after over-exerting himself in stifling heat as he competed in the famous race.

After a leisurely ride up the peak, the group paused for reflection at a memorial to Tom, who is considered by many in the sport to be one of Britain's greatest ever cyclists.

They followed the route of a race which was held in his memory for many years but ended 12 years ago. Mr Denson, who rode in six Tour De

Frances and is the only Briton to have won the Tour Of Luxembourg, first met Tom when he was 16 before going on to ride alongside him some years later. Although rivals in different teams, they remained close friends.

"I still remember when Tom died," he said. "I was some way behind him on the mountain and by the time I caught up with him he was on the ground."

"I pushed past the crowds and looked at him up from his feet to his glazed eyes. I thought he looked really bad but my manager was there and said to me 'Come on, get back on your bike - he'll be fine. You can't hang around here all day'."

"It was only that evening that I found out he had died. I was so shocked."

Mr Denson said that for 25 years he could not face the mountain and to this day can remember vividly the sight that greeted him at the point where Tom died

"But now I have been back a few times it's easier to see the positive side and remember the massive contribution Tom made to the great sport of cycling," he added.

Ironman Des' triathlon test



STRONGMAN Des Norris will be raising cash for St Clare Hospice when he takes part in the gruelling Ironman UK Triathlon at Sherbourne Castle in Dorset next Sunday.

Mr Norris, of Freshwaters, Harlow, expects to complete the challenge - which starts at 6am with a 2½-mile swim followed by a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile marathon run - in under 15 hours.

The father-of-two, *pictured above*, said: "My training has included a mile swim most mornings, 6-8 mile runs and 25-mile bike rides every day during the week and then long sessions at weekends."

"This is my last couple of weeks of preparation and I think my family will be glad to have me back. My partner Nicola has been so supportive but she worked as a nurse at St Clare's until recently so she knows how much of a good cause it is."

To sponsor Des, call (01279) 434852.

New blood

A SUMMER campaign is under way to encourage people to give blood in Harlow and Epping.

Although only five per cent of the population donate blood throughout the year, in the summer a combination of good weather and holidays usually results in a further drop.

Donations can be made between 2-4pm and 5-7.30pm on Monday at Epping Catholic Hall, Church Hill, or on Tuesday at the Latton Bush Centre, in Southern Way, Harlow.

Care for cats

A CHARITY which looks after homeless cats and kittens in Epping is attempting to recruit new volunteers to help out.

Chestnut Cat Sanctuary, in Thornwood Common, has joined the Everyone Can Initiate Miracles scheme which aims to make volunteering accessible for everyone.

Spokeswoman Alison Sweeney explained: "The scheme is designed to encourage volunteers to come along to the sanctuary to spend their time on different activities such as cat cuddling, feeding, basic DIY, administration and running coffee mornings as part of building a social network and meeting new people."

For more information, call (01992) 560510.

Bearing up

HARLOW Royal British Legion is providing a role model for community-spirited young adults by appointing its youngest-ever standard bearer.

James Edmunds (31) took up the role last month. His first duty was at a recent enrolment ceremony for new members.

Fundraising jivers take a few steps back in time



A SWINGING time was had by all when a touch of 1940s wartime Americana came to North Weald.

A dance on the jive theme was held in the village hall to raise funds for the North Weald Airfield Museum.

Almost 100 people enjoyed the party which saw the DJ sitting in a mocked-up cockpit of a fighter plane.

Sheila Davis, who attended the event, said: "The music was wonderful and it was a really enjoyable event."

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Tesco fire may have been due to oven fault

AN electrical fault in an oven is believed to have caused a fire at the Tesco superstore in Edinburgh Way, Harlow, at the weekend.

The blaze, which broke out at about 3.30am on Saturday, started in a large industrial oven in the bakery section towards the rear of the store.

But smoke quickly spread throughout the premises and staff and customers at the 24-hour branch were evacuated by the time fire crews from Harlow, Epping, Sawbridgeworth and Chelmsford arrived at the scene. Leading firefighter Paul Mason, based at Harlow Fire Station, helped tackle the fire and said afterwards: "The store was heavily smoke-logged and crews entered the building wearing breathing apparatus. The crews used a thermal imaging camera to find the seat of the fire and one hose reel jet was used to extinguish the flames.

"The crews worked very quickly to stop the fire spreading to the rest of the store and in extremely arduous conditions due to the location of the fire."

Changes to bus services begin

BUS passengers may need to update their timetables following the cancellation of one service and changes to a number of others operating in the Harlow area.

As of tomorrow (Friday), Regal Busways will cancel its X2 service between Harlow and Chelmsford, while revised timetables will be in effect from next week on Arriva services 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 333 and 505.

For more information about the changes, call the Essex Traffic Control Centre on 0845 6000110 or visit www.essexcc.gov.uk/publictransport online.

March will focus on knife crimes

PLANS are afoot for a march in Harlow to remember victims of knife crime.

Walk For Justice events are due to take place in towns including Colchester, Middlesbrough and Sunderland on September 8 and one is planned for Harlow.

Based on a movement originally started in Canada, the march is a call for stiffer penalties for those who kill or carry knives. It was brought to the UK by Middlesbrough mother Barbara Dunne (61), whose son Robert died after being attacked with a samurai sword in 2003.

Gym's tough tactics a big concern to MP

Day of community and culture



CULTURED: Pictured, clockwise from top, are a demonstration of African drumming (photo: H4ZMWWHQ/08); Sharna Cassidy (9) making her own Chinese prints (photo: H4ZMWWHQ/03); and youngsters in colourful traditional dress showing off their African dance skills (photo: H4ZMWWHQ/09)

THERE was more international revelry in the name of Harlow's 60th anniversary on Sunday as a festival of foreign cultures was held.

The Harlow Council-organised event at the Chinese Community Centre, in Lower Meadow, saw more than 500 visitors enjoy free demonstrations, workshops and performances from local ethnic minority groups.

These included the Sanzala Harlow capoeira group, Harlow Steel Band and the African dance and drumming group the Efua Sey Cultural Academy.

There was also African storytelling, tai chi and Chinese dance, as well as various arts and crafts and a tempting array of Chinese food.

Council chairwoman Lorna Spenceley was among those enjoying the atmosphere and said afterwards: "It was a gloriously sunny day so visitors were able to sit outside and enjoy the performances as well as get involved with some of the workshops and activities.

"We have a diverse community in the town and there are so many different cultural activities going on."

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A GYM in Harlow has come under fire from the town's MP after he received complaints about its membership rules and accusations of aggressive marketing and exploitation of vulnerable customers.

Bill Rammell has called on Esporta, in The Water Gardens, to urgently review its recruitment policy, applications process and terms and conditions of membership after receiving several concerning letters from constituents.

Mr Rammell contacted the *Star* about his dispute with the fitness club after he tried to raise his concerns directly with the firm but was infuriated to only receive a "cut and paste job" letter in reply.

Not only was the letter from the Harlow gym's member relations assistant sent to the MP's home, but it addressed him as if he had written in with his own personal membership query.

Now Mr Rammell has fired off another dispatch to Esporta's chief executive but has yet to hear back.

Among the Harlow residents who approached the MP are a woman who, after making a single initial enquiry about joining the gym, felt "heavily pressured" into signing up, to the extent that she even receiving a series of mobile phone text messages after her visit.

She did join but after five days realised she had misunderstood the "inadequately explained" terms and conditions. However, when she tried to cancel her membership, despite never having used the gym, she was told she was tied into a 12-month contract. She cancelled her direct debit but is now being pursued for payment.

In another case, an 18-year-old woman recovering from a stress-related illness joined the club but shortly afterwards lost her job as a result of her condition. As a result, she was unable to afford the £64 a month membership but she too was unable to cancel.

She is now under psychiatric care in a hospital mental health unit and her family told Mr Rammell they believed she had been "exploited".

Attacking Esporta – which was investigated earlier this year by the BBC's consumer affairs programme *Watchdog* – as "obdurate", an exasperated Mr Rammell said its response so far was "barely worth the paper it's typed on".

"Esporta have clearly gone out of their way not to investigate my concerns," he said. "I'm very concerned their sloppy response illustrates just what they think of their customers and local people here in Harlow.

"People have the right to change their mind. There should be a minimum cooling-off period, especially as my constituents feel they were pressured into signing."

The *Star* attempted to contact Esporta for comment on several occasions but it had failed to respond as we went to press.

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On a quest to 'be right' and beyond

WE looked at the life of glass substitute magnate and one-time Epping and Harlow MP Claude Nigel Byam Davies last month when reader Gordon Chase shared his nickname of 'The Boss' and his curious system of parking.

David Devine at The Museum of Harlow has been good enough to dig out this wonderful picture of the man during the 1950 election campaign under the odd slogan: "Vote Conservative – and be right!" We think Davies – who went by his middle name Nigel – is the man with the dog, while the others are his campaign team.

But as Stan Newens, who was the area's Labour MP some time later, explained, there was much more to Davies' life than politics and fake glass. "The Windolite factory was established by Lt Col Claude Davies DSO and was situated in Fore Street," he told *Nostalgia*. "His son, Claude Nigel Byam Davies, born in September 1920, was educated at Eton and Aix-en-Provence. After Sandhurst, he was commissioned in the Grenadier Guards and served in the Middle East, Italy and the Balkans during World War II. After the war, he became the managing director of Windolite.

"He was selected as prospective Parliamentary Conservative candidate for Epping and defeated the sitting Labour MP, Mrs Leah Manning, in the 1950 General Election.

"He did not fight the 1951 General Election. The successful Conservative candidate was Graeme Finlay, who served as MP for Epping until my victory in 1964."



Former Harlow journalist Paul Hopkins also got in touch to explain why Davies' Parliamentary career was so short-lived.

"When he was MP, the Labour government had a majority of only six," he said. "As a result, he had to spend a lot of time in the House of Commons trying to defeat the government in votes and couldn't run Windolite as well. It was for that reason that at the 1951 election he handed over to Graeme Finlay."

But it was in his later life that saw perhaps the

Windolite man's greatest achievements. Mr Newens recalled: "Nigel Davies settled in Mexico City in 1962, having taken a Ph.D in archaeology at London University. He devoted himself to the history of ancient America on which he lectured. He wrote a number of books, including *The Aztecs* (1973), *The Ancient Kingdom Of Peru* (1997) and many in between. "He was awarded the Order of the Aztec Eagle by the President of Mexico for cultural services to the country."

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DOUBLE TRAGEDY AFTER DISCO

TWO Harlow teenagers died after a car collided with a group of people as they were leaving a disco on Saturday night. Andrew Smith, of Altham Grove, and Paul Blake, of Upper Mealines, had been best friends since their schooldays. Both were aged 19. The tragedy happened at The Blacksmith's Arms public house, in Thornwood, where the Runaway Breakers CB club had been holding a disco.



ALARM AT CLASH

SHOPPERS watched in alarm on Saturday as Anti-Nazi League supporters clashed with National Front campaigners in The High. Fighting broke out at about 12.40pm and several were injured.

MUSEUM GETS PLASTIC BIKE

A MOST unlikely addition was wheeled into Harlow Council's cycle museum this week – the all-plastic bike. It is the very latest in cycling technology, a virtually maintenance-free machine with puncture-proof tyres, which does not rust or lose its colour.

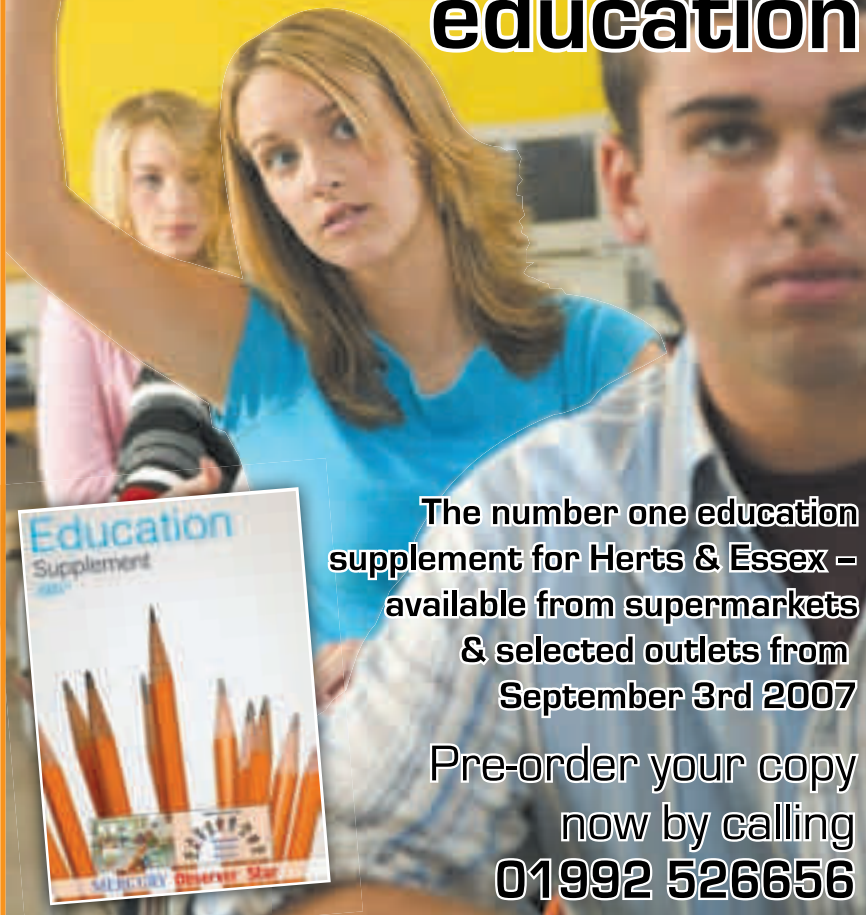
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Have any of our correspondents' recollections jogged your memory?

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TV show looking for biscuit factory workers to reminisce



WORKERS' TEA(CAKE) TIME!: the CWS biscuit factory in 1960 (s)

IF you recognise this building as your workplace of 40-odd years ago, then you could share your memories with a television audience!

The makers of Anglia's popular nostalgia programme *The Way We Were* have uncovered a 1964 film made at the CWS biscuit-packing factory, as it was then, in Harlow's Pinnacles industrial estate.

The factory was later taken over by Horizon Biscuits and finally closed in 2001.

Jo Drewry, from the production team, told us: "We are currently researching series eight and have come across an enchanting film called *Biscuit Time*, which shows a visit to one of the three big Co-operative Wholesale biscuit factories, CWS of Harlow.

"If any *Star* readers worked at the factory during the '60s we would love to hear from them."

If this includes you, please contact *Nostalgia* and we will put you in touch with the programme.

Days of hot bread and meringues

AFTER many people's reminiscences about shopping in Market Street, Old Harlow, reader Chris Rees has written in about two shops he remembers from nearby Fore Street. "Martin's the bakers, which faced the Baptist Church, closed in about

1962," recalls The Hides resident. "I used to go there before the shop was open at 9 o'clock and knock on the back door to ask for a loaf of bread. "The man would always say 'It's very hot because it's just come out of the oven' and he was right, it

would burn my fingers. "When I got home my Nan would ask if I wanted my breakfast, but usually I didn't because I had already eaten all the crust!"

Mr Rees also told how Evans the Jewellers used to be a tearoom: "I

remember my mum taking me in there and sitting me on a chair looking up at the edge of the table and a big white meringue with cream in it appearing. It was like looking up to heaven.

"No wonder I've got a sweet tooth now!"

Travellers site to get facelift worth £22,000

MORE than £22,000 is to be spent sprucing up a Harlow site for gypsies and travellers, the Government has announced.

The camp in Elizabeth Way is to receive a £22,010 share of £16m stumped up by the Department for Communities and Local Government to extend or refurbish sites throughout England.

It is one of 11 Essex sites to be awarded funding via Essex County Council, which will carry out the work.

Announcing the windfall, gypsies and travellers minister Iain Wright said: "We look to local authorities to show real leadership in taking forward what can be a contentious issue on the ground."

"The grant supports local authorities and registered social landlords to increase the number of authorised sites for gypsies and travellers."

Bargain scooter had been stolen

A HARLOW teenager who bought a stolen scooter for £80 has been ordered to pay a legal bill of more £500.

Thomas Wardill (18), of Millersdale, told Hertford magistrates on Wednesday he had no reason to believe the scooter had been stolen when he was handed the keys earlier this year.

Lucy Cummins, prosecuting, said the scooter was stolen from Mead Lane in Hertford on January 2. Wardill was arrested in April while out riding it.

Wardill, who pleaded guilty to possessing the proceeds of crime, was fined £350 with £172 costs, as well as a £15 victim compensation fund surcharge.

Street wedding

HARLOW couple Gemma Bolger and Dean Street recently married at the Royal Chace Hotel register office, in Enfield. In last week's *Star* we gave an incorrect name for the groom and apologise for the error.

Lab owner denies a bio-security breach

By **BEN WILKINSON**
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THE laboratory which is under investigation as a possible source of the Surrey foot and mouth disease outbreak is controlled by a Harlow company.

Vaccine manufacturer Merial Animal Health Ltd, which has its UK headquarters at Harlow Business Park, in Roydon Road, is at the centre of a storm over the outbreak which threatens to devastate British agriculture for the second time in six years.

The firm shares the Pirbright site – which officials believe to be the source of the disease which affects cattle, pigs, sheep and other animals – with the Government-funded Institute for Animal Health.

Investigations are currently underway to pinpoint the exact source of the strain, which is identical to that used within both institutions.

Merial has strongly denied any breach in its bio-security procedures but in an ironic development has benefited from the recurrence of the disease – which it is estimated could cost the rural economy tens of millions of pounds – since the Government has ordered 300,000 doses of foot and mouth vaccine from the company.

A Merial spokesman this week defended its standards, stating: "We have been operating at the Pirbright site for 15 years

Pets zoo a mane event despite cautions



HORSE PLAY: Alice-Mai Meridale (13) grooms Pearl

(photo: GG24NSLX/04)

DESPITE conditions imposed in the wake of the latest foot and mouth outbreak, Pet's Corner remained a popular attraction with Harlow's youngsters.

Last week's Pig Day was the first of two themed events at the Town Park facility and proved to be a great success as visitors mucked in to help feed the animals and even apply sun cream to the porkers' backs as the day got hotter.

Yesterday's (Wednesday's) Horse Day was another fully booked session as children learned all about the gentle giants before spending the afternoon grooming and feeding them.

Councillor Bob Davis, vice-chairman of Harlow Council's environment and community committee, said: "We wanted to do something different where children could learn about their favourite animals and pet them rather than just look at them."

and during that time have produced hundreds of millions of vaccine doses. In all that time, we have never had a breach in our bio-security.

"There has been and continues to be intense speculation regarding the possible causes of this outbreak. While we at Merial have complete confidence in the integrity of our bio-security, and our ini-

tial investigation shows no breach in our procedures, it is really too early in this investigation for anyone to determine the cause of the outbreak."

Meanwhile, restrictions on cattle movements, which have been imposed on 111,000 farms throughout the UK, have had an impact at Pets Corner, in Harlow Town Park.

No livestock is allowed to enter or leave the popular attraction under the conditions imposed by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

However, other parts of Pets Corner remain open to the public and a spokesman for operator Harlow Council said it was largely business as usual at the site.

Litter-busting Tories pick it!

CONSERVATIVE councillors and activists set out to show they can do more than just talk when it comes to the environment by rolling up their sleeves for a litter-picking session.

The busy band of Tories collected more than a dozen sacks of rubbish in their trawl of Church Langley playing fields on Saturday as part of an initiative sponsored by Harlow Council's maintenance partners Kier Harlow and fast food outlet McDonalds.

Working for 90 minutes, the group also recovered a number of larger items including shopping trolleys, scaffolding poles and car parts.

Church Langley councillor Tony Hall, who was among the group, said all the volunteers got into the spirit of the occasion donning 'Bin It' T-shirts and working hard.

"This is the second time McDonalds has asked me to arrange some help with this very worthwhile operation and I was pleased so many of our members and their families responded," he said.

"For a time we lost our oldest member, councillor Patrick McClarnon, but he emerged from an area of dense undergrowth about 15 minutes later, somewhat scratched and bleeding from thorns but still clutching his orange sack full of litter!"

Harlow pilots plan for cheaper homes

A NEW national pilot scheme seeking to increase the supply of 'affordable' housing is to be implemented in Harlow.

Harlow Council is one of just 14 authorities in the UK to have been chosen for the trial, which will see homes built on council land for the first time in a generation.

At present, public land earmarked for housing is usually sold to developers because councils are not allowed to build homes – but under the pilot, Harlow will be able to retain land but develop it as part of a joint venture local housing company.

Although new homes will be built and funded by developers, the council will retain a stake which should increase in value.

Each site will include a minimum 50 per cent 'affordable'

housing, which will be shared-equity homes in which the householder buys only part of the property and is able to increase the share over time.

The council says it is too early to give details of the number of homes to be built in Harlow or where. However, the Government claims the project will result in 35,000 extra homes, 17,500 of them 'affordable', throughout the country.

Joint Harlow Council leader Tony Durcan (Labour) said the pilot was exciting, adding: "Harlow is growing but we need to enable young people to stay and live and work in the town. There are already a large number of people on the housing register and too many people having to pay high private sector rents. This will give our young people a real chance."

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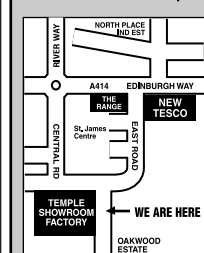


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WE SAY

THE authorities often come in for stick for responding to problems with gimmicks rather than well considered, genuine solutions.

Given that such criticisms are often justified it is likely many *Star* readers, when first reading about Operation Catch And Crush, might have reached just such a conclusion about this scheme.

So it is all the more pleasing to learn that the idea of publicly destroying confiscated illegal motorcycles has turned out to be a major success in the town.

Although there remains a problem of unlicensed 'mini-motos' and other such little boys' bikes, it seems the problem has been significantly reduced by the high profile campaign. To many the whole crushing spectacle may seem a bit over-the-top, and others may consider it plain wasteful. When these machines continue to be manufactured and sold, would it not be better to sell the confiscated bikes to responsible owners and plough the money raised into community improvements?

On the other hand, perhaps the crude imagery of metal being twisted under the bucket of a JCB is all that can be understood by the type of person who thinks it fun to terrorise pedestrians with their noisy, dangerous and polluting two-stroke toys.

Sculpture's loss was outrageous



Damage to park sculpture is too costly to repair

A VANDAL-hit piece of Harlow's artistic heritage was dumped in a skip after it was decided it would cost too much to repair. Hilary Prewer, *Two Children On A Rock* (pictured left) was a familiar sight to people using Harlow Town Park's paddling pool since the mid-1960s. However, the piece has now been removed because of sustained damage by yobs. Harlow Civic Society vice chairman John Curry noticed the sculpture in a skip as he was cycling through the park. 'I saw what

Disgusted by college letter

SIR, I read the letter from councillor Joshua Jolles with disgust (*Star Letters*, July 19). As I understood it, he thinks that a minority of staff have issues with the college over their own financial interests and are causing further unrest by involving students. The staff are more than capable of replying to this accusation themselves but the students need their say. The staff do not have issues with money; their issue is with the fact that they have been treated unfairly and in a way only ever experienced by people living under a dictatorship.

Students have started to feel the brunt of this. How can we not become involved when many of us do not have teachers for next year?

Is Mr Jolles suggesting that students do not take an interest in their own college campus? How can this be called clearing out when there was hardly any problem to start with?

The students are able to make up their own minds about what is going on. Why in his letter did he state that it is a group with far left credentials that are responsible for this ruckus? Is this a demonstration of prejudice within the political system or is this a personal prejudice against the UCU or particular individuals?

Also, is it right to be accused of being a political agitator when you are only protecting the interests of your colleagues and students or even just finding the courage to speak your mind? I believe not.

Politics invades every kind of system now, regardless of what the disputes are about or the individuals involved.

If Mr Jolles is questioning the abilities of our minister for higher education in his part in protecting the students' education at Harlow College then he must also see that what the principal has done has not been for the better.

V. Broad
Student Union, Harlow College

SIR, As an outsider to the troubled Harlow College, I attended the meeting at the Civic Centre which our MP chaired.

He asked for statements from the audience regarding the troubles there. Some young students are midway through their A-level subjects and apparently have no lecturers, as yet, for the new term. Lecturers who have been asked to sign up to a new contract which will make them work for longer hours and at a reduced salary spoke with troubled emotions.

I listened to all who spoke and, frankly, I thought they were too polite to our MP. If I had a child attending the college, or if I was a lecturer there, I would be so angry with him and I would make demands on him which, as a minister for higher education, he should be able to meet. After our MP left, it took former MP Stan Newens to call for a motion of no confidence in the principal. Mr Rammell, act and act fast.

Joan Swanton
Willowfield, Harlow

FLASHBACK: How the *Star* reported on the sculpture's vandalism and removal last week

SIR, Nowadays I am rarely outraged by the actions of some of our Harlow Council officers and their agents Kier, given their dreadful track record recently.

However, I write to protest about the removal of the sculpture from the paddling pool in the Town Park, a sculpture that does not even belong to the council.

It is absolutely disgraceful that such action has been taken. Vandalism by a member of the public is bad enough, but to have our own council officers compound the issue is the act of the Philistine.

When I rang the council to complain, the chief

executive's department did not know about the matter. It might help if this leading light of Harlow Council lived in the town he is paid so generously to maintain, then he might have more idea about what is going on under his nose.

I hope the council has a change of heart and respects its own town heritage – for placing a piece of sculpture in a tip at the moment epitomises the attitude of how Harlow gets treated by some of our salaried council officials.

Michael Danvers
Tunmmeade, Harlow

Dismissal was a typical response

SIR, I write in response to your report headlined "Gimmick jibe at Tory green plan research" (*Star*, July 26).

It states that at a full council meeting, Conservative councillor Andrew Johnson proposed research into wind turbines and solar panels as the first of a number of environmental plans his group intends to champion this year. However, the motion was rejected after being met with universal criticism from the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups.

This is a typical response by the ruling Lib/Lab pack to dismiss instantly any suggestions that have not been handed down from Westminster. Labour and

Liberals constantly rant on about listening and learning yet seem unwilling to listen to and learn from anyone outside of their own ranks.

When councillor Kevin Brooks dismissed the move as a publicity gimmick and neither strategic nor comprehensive, he might have instead turned his efforts into making the ideas put forward in the motion more strategic and comprehensive instead of completely disregarding them. So much for the end of 'yah-boo' politics and the birth of a consensus politics.

Councillor Eleanor Macy said the council had signed up to the Nottingham Declaration but failed to explain how this

will result in Harlow producing greener energy. Then again, what are we to expect of the Liberal Democrats in this town who seem so incapable of delivering an original policy? If they could, perhaps they might have thought of making green energy production a key part of powering the new Civic Centre and surrounding shopping area.

Having said that, when the Civic Centre was being built there were only a few Tories speaking out on climate change and it might not have been a big enough bandwagon for the Liberals to jump on at the time.

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INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS:

Above, Spanish and English scouts at the sunrise event (photo: VJH2DCJB/01); inset, Janice Noakes, right, demonstrates wood skills to, left to right, William and Harry Tennison, George Strachan, Daniel Willborn, Christopher and Steven Chappell and Bradley Goswell (photo: VJH2DCJB/10)

It's Jamboree time in Essex

By CHRIS MOSS

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THOUSANDS of scouts from all parts of the world have converged on Essex to celebrate the movement's centenary with the fortnight-long World Scout Jamboree.

North Weald Airfield has been the logistical base of the entire operation, which concluded yesterday (Wednesday), providing catering and park-and-ride facilities for nearly all of the 40,000 scouts and 180,000 visitors attending during the two weeks.

And many have been putting their skills to good use in Harlow, lending a helping hand with everything from weeding to re-decorating at a senior citizen's day centre in Waterhouse Moor.

Almost 160 scouts from such countries as Japan, America and New Zealand trekked down to the sheltered accommodation behind Harlow Study Centre over four days to help staff give the place a fresh lick of paint.

Study centre employee David Archer said: "It's been fantastic having the scouts come down and lend a helping hand. They've been doing some gardening and painting and the area looks much smarter now.

"We wanted to give something back to the residents who have always been very accommodating to us at the study centre, so when I heard about the Jamboree I contacted the organisers to invite some of the scouts down – they were more than



HELPING HANDS: Scouts Josh Culver and Maria Rockell at Harlow Study Centre (photo: XL74HX4B/01)

happy to help us out."

Meanwhile, about 300 scouts from Harlow and the Canary Islands gathered at 8am last Wednesday in Risdens Park, Fairways, to usher in a new dawn for the movement as it heads into its 101st year.

The event saw the youngsters join 28 million other worldwide

members in renewing their promise of peace and tolerance in a Scouting Sunrise event, before tucking into a hearty breakfast to set them up for the day's community work.

The celebrations then continued into the evening upon their return to the campsite, when they built a campfire and enjoyed a barbecue.

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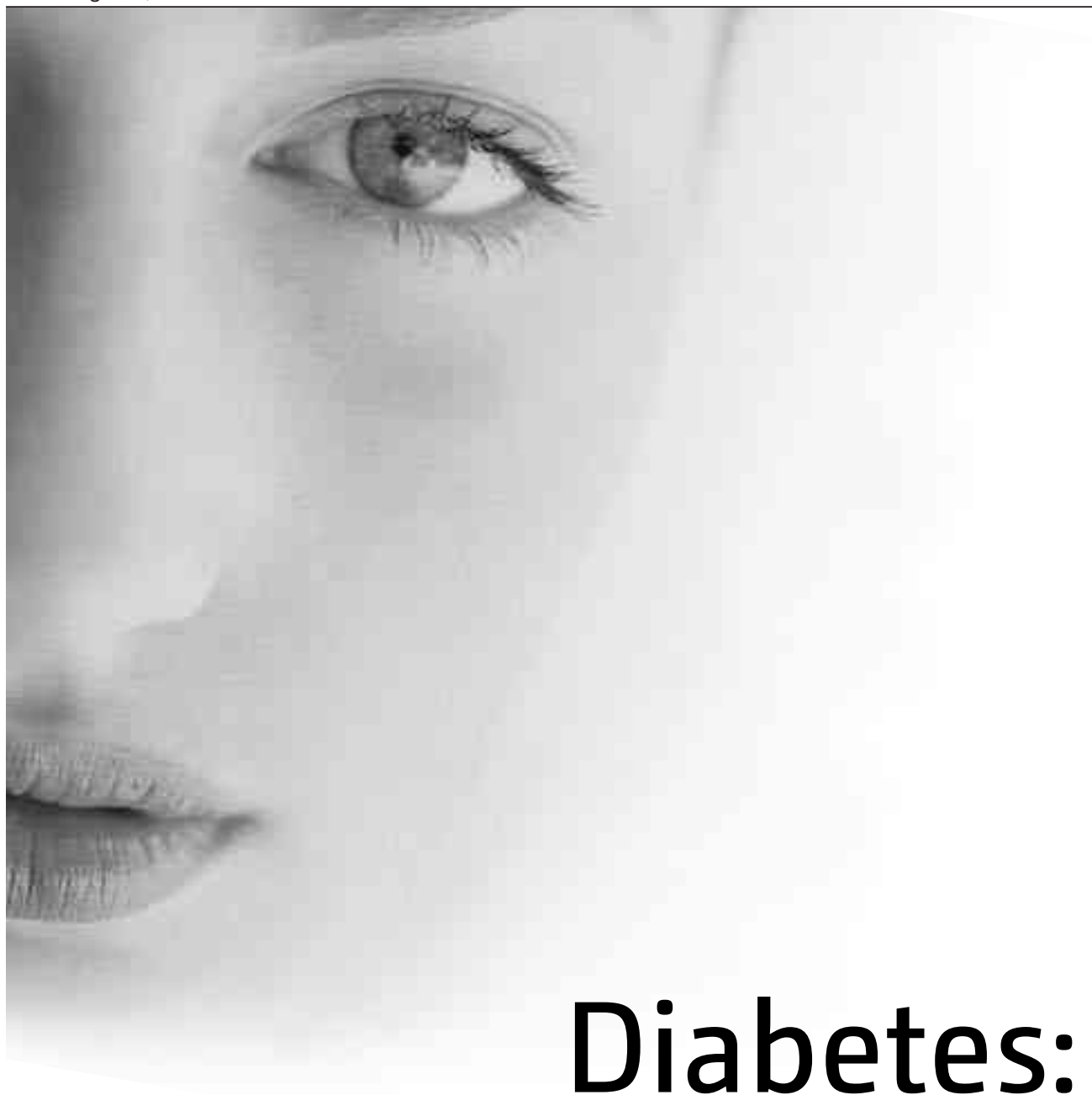
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Diabetes:

The hidden cause of blindness

The statistics are shocking: around 750,000 people in the UK have diabetes and don't even realise it. If left untreated it can lead to devastating complications – heart disease, strokes, kidney disease, amputation and blindness. Yet, an eye test can reveal the symptoms of diabetes and lead to early diagnosis of the condition.

Specsavers Opticians has teamed up with Diabetes UK to heighten awareness of diabetes and raise funds for vital research into the condition. The charity's Honorary Vice President is Olympic rower Sir Steve Redgrave, who has Type 2 diabetes.

'I know that sometimes it is easy to miss the symptoms of undiagnosed diabetes. Having regular eye examinations is one way of helping to identify the condition at an early stage,' he says.

Specsavers' founder Mary Perkins agrees: 'We urge everyone to have an eye examination at least every two years because an eye test can detect the onset of diabetes among people who don't even realise they have it.'

An eye examination is not just a case of reading letters on an eye chart. All Specsavers' optometrists are trained not only to look at your sight but also the health of the eye, meaning they can help detect the onset of serious conditions, like glaucoma and diabetes. In addition to regular eye examinations, it is vital that people with diabetes also access free annual retinal screening with a digital camera. This is essential as it can pick up retinopathy, a complication of diabetes, that can lead to blindness. The sooner retinopathy is diagnosed, the more chance there is of preventing blindness. Research has shown that one in four* young people are currently not receiving digital annual screening.

To help the cause, Specsavers has adopted Diabetes UK as its national charity, pledging to raise up to £100,000 within the next two years.

*Diabetes UK Children and Young People Member Survey 2007.

**Reader's Digest Survey 2007.

Sir Steve Redgrave, Honorary Vice President of Diabetes UK, says:

'I find it particularly worrying that there are thousands of people out there who don't even realise they have diabetes, because the worst possible outcome, blindness, can be avoided through digital screening and early detection. I know only too well the shock of being diagnosed diabetic and the potential consequences it can have on your daily life. However, I have learned the condition is manageable and the extreme consequences, such as blindness, can be preventable. I would urge every diabetic, young and old, to have their eyes screened every year, even if they don't have bad eyesight, to minimise their risk of visual impairment.'



After being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes at the age of 35, Sir Steve Redgrave went on to win his fifth gold medal at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and become Britain's greatest Olympian.

The facts about diabetes

- 750,000 people don't realise they have diabetes
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Operation to crush illegal bikes is a hit

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NUISANCE motorbikes have been turned to scrap metal to mark the re-launch of a scheme which has proved to be a crushing blow to illegal riders.

Operation Catch And Crush, a joint initiative between Harlow police and Harlow Council, was launched last year and proved so popular with residents blighted by noisy and dangerous unlicensed bikes, quads and 'mini-motos' that it is back.

A large JCB digger was driven into Market Square last Wednesday to destroy confiscated vehicles in full view of the public – but in contrast to a similar stunt last year when dozens of bikes were smashed to bits, this time only two got the treatment.

In the latest phase of the operation, five warnings were issued but only two riders stripped of their wheels.

Eleanor Macy, chairwoman of Harlow Council's environment and community committee, said this was



proof nuisance riders were learning their lesson.

"Mini-motos and other such bikes were a huge problem last year," she said. "The problem hasn't totally gone away but it seems to have reduced as riders get the message that we are carrying out surveillance."

"There are a number of tracks that they can use perfectly legitimately that do not cause nuisance to local people. It can be very frightening to see these vehicles coming past you at

speed on a footpath or in a park."

Harlow policeman Peter Cran, who has been closely involved with the operation, added: "The public crushing of these bikes sends out a clear message that we will not tolerate mini-moto nuisance within our communities."

"This is the second successful crushing event to be held and it is reassuring that the number of complaints and bikes seized for crushing has been dramatically reduced."

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Youth facility survey starts

INPUT from Harlow's young people is needed in a consultation aiming to find out what new facilities children and teenagers would most like to see.

Harlow MP Bill Rammell has launched the consultation exercise as part of a new campaign to improve activities available to the town's youth.

The move ties in with a new 10-year Government strategy which seeks to use unclaimed assets from dormant bank accounts to provide a new youth facility in every Parliamentary constituency.

Now Mr Rammell is asking young people locally to think about what they would most like to see the money spent on.

He told the *Star*: "It's important that young people decide what our area needs: it could be a new entertainment facility, somewhere to go for dance and drama, a mobile youth centre or something completely different."

He added: "We have an opportunity to create a lasting legacy for the community, creating assets to benefit current and future generations. It's an exciting chance to improve what's on offer to young people in Harlow."

Anyone with ideas should write to Mr Rammell at 4-6 Market House, The High, Harlow, CM20 1BL or email rammellb@parliament.uk.

Ex-museum raid

TWO generators and a lamp were stolen by thieves who broke into Passmores House, in Third Avenue, Harlow. Intruders got into the former museum between 1-7pm on Saturday.

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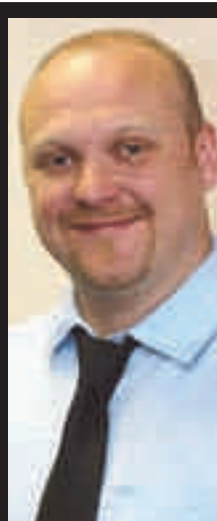
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WELCOME TO SCHOOLBAG

This week, both the track and the field were explored by PURFORD GREEN JUNIOR during a sports visit, movement and dance around the theme of industry was performed by pupils at ST JOHN'S; PETERSWOOD PRIMARY had maths fun conjured up for them; and POTTER STREET PRIMARY were chocs away with their summer production.

JIM TANFIELD
Schoolbag reporter



COUNTED A SUCCESS: Magician Tony Charles with Kian Michael and Megan Blackburn (photo: XHT23YHY/01)

Where magic counts

PETERSWOOD PRIMARY: It was a case of magic numbers when maths fun was conjured up for pupils at the Paringdon Road school.

Maths week, organised by the school, was devoted to getting children more interested in the world of numbers, chance, fractions and percentages.

A magician who uses maths as a theme visited the school and wowed parents and children with his sleight of hand.

Deputy headteacher Julie O'Neill said: "It was a brilliant way of getting children thinking about how interesting the subject can be as well as keeping them entertained."

A world seen through Wonkavision!



(photo: YTBWXYW/01)

POTTER STREET PRIMARY: Chocoholics were licking their lips at the Carters Mead school's summer production.

Roald Dahl's tale of greed, wonder and family values, *Charlie and the*

Chocolate Factory, was given the Potter Street treatment as pupils from the weekly drama club took on the roles of Charlie Bucket, Willie Wonka and Granpa Joe.

A spokeswoman for the school said:

"It was a fantastic and really enjoyable production – thanks so much to our teaching assistants who put so much time and effort into making the scenery, costumes and face-paints look amazing."

Mini Olympians shape up their skills



(photo: DSDY3MML/06)

PURFORD GREEN JUNIOR: Pupils exercised their right to have fun when the mini Olympics came to town. As part of the school's enrichment programme, which has so far included pottery, sewing and cooking, children were taken to **MARK HALL's** new sports centre to try their hands at different disciplines.

They were trained to hand over a baton properly in a relay race and were shown how to do a sprint start as well as how to throw a javelin correctly.

A spokeswoman said: "It was wonderful to see the children excel in an outdoor activity and have the support of Mark Hall's facilities and expertise."

Engineering a dramatic celebration

ST JOHN'S: Drama and dance students took part in a physical theatre exercise to celebrate the Epping school becoming an engineering college.

The day was run by Loughton actress Kate Brooks to encourage the students to learn about the topic of industry.

Participants produced a lively performance which included walks around in the robotic style, producing an image of a factory using their bodies, being working parts of a machine and recreating a power cut!

Dance teacher Louise Fisher said: "I saw students getting a lot out of this experience, with confidence levels rising and working as a team on such an unusual theme – it was a brilliant workshop."



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Refs taste the other side of footie!



WINNING SIDE: Pictured, above, is the Essex team (photo: XF2L42HL/03)

THE boot was on the other foot for Essex referees when they got stuck in at a charity football match against their Hertfordshire counterparts.

Thursday's game was held on The Fairways playing fields and although it was billed as a friendly, it was a keenly contested affair which the Essex boys eventually won 3-2.

Almost 100 spectators turned out to cheer on their favourite men in black, raising £893 for Hastingswood's St Clare Hospice.

Organiser Terry Rackley hopes the total will rise to more than £1,300 when all donations are counted.

Battery pilot a big success

Give a name to Harlow's new café for youngsters

A STATE-of-the-art café for young people will open soon in Harlow town centre – and this is your chance to give it a name.

It is the brainchild of Harlow Youth Council, which wanted somewhere safe and affordable for young people to meet, make friends, snack and play games.

The café will comprise a chillout zone with comfortable chairs and coffee tables, a video games and sports zone with the latest consoles, internet access and a pool table, plus a healthy eating zone where snacks and drinks can be purchased at pocket money prices.

Youth councillor Perry Williams (16) told the *Star*: "I personally would like the café to be given a snappy and catchy name, something short which sums up our aim."

"It's going to be great because young people will have a place to go without getting into trouble. It's going to be a café where all

sorts of different people will feel comfortable as all different sorts of music will be played and you can do different activities."

Joint Harlow Council leader Tony Durcan (Labour) said: "I'm delighted that we have been able to turn the youth council's dream into a reality and give young people a place they want."

Liberal Democrat joint council leader Chris Millington added: "The café project has been very important to the young people involved and their persistence has paid off."

"Providing more facilities for young people is often echoed as a priority by local people, so the café will help meet that aspiration."

Young people aged 11-17 can enter the competition to name the café by filling in the coupon below, texting your suggestion and the reason for it to 07771 0904025 or by emailing the same details to carole.banks@harlow.gov.uk.

A PIONEERING battery recycling scheme is to be expanded to the entirety of Harlow after receiving an electric response in its pilot programme.

An additional 24,000 households are to be included in the scheme this month, bringing the total number of Harlow homes receiving collections to 30,000.

All town properties with a ground floor front door are now able to recycle AAA, AA, C and D-size batteries as well as watch, mobile phone, laptop and rechargeable cells.

Since the ground-breaking pilot was launched in April 2006, more than 40,000 batteries have been collected – the equivalent of more than one metric tonne of waste being diverted from landfill sites.

Operated jointly by Harlow Council, the Environmental Conservation Co-operative and the Waste and Resources Action Programme, the Harlow scheme is one of 13 different types of battery recycling project throughout the UK. The Government will review all the schemes in April next year to identify the most effective method and then roll it out to the whole country.

Harlow Council environment and community committee chairwoman Eleanor Macy said: "This is a very encouraging recycling development to an important pilot scheme and I would like to thank Harlow residents for their battery recycling efforts."

It was also announced this week that Tetra Pak and the carton industry are supporting us.

By **BEN WILKINSON**
Chief Reporter

and Epping Forest for the first time.

The two district councils have teamed up with carton manufacturer Tetra Pak and the industry body Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment to launch the scheme to divert milk and juice cartons from landfill. Each year, beverage cartons account for about 55,000 metric tonnes of waste in the UK.

In Harlow, cartons will be collected as part of existing doorstep recycling; in Epping Forest, residents can recycle them at five collection bins in the district, including one in Epping's Cottis Lane car park.

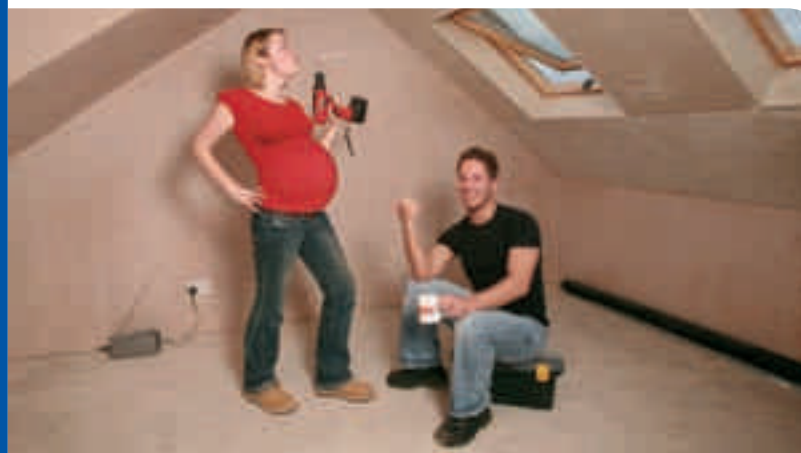
EFDC environmental protection portfolio-holder Mary Sartin said: "Our residents have always responded well to the different recycling schemes we've implemented but we still have some tough targets to meet, both as a district and as a nation. We're delighted that Tetra Pak and the carton industry are supporting us."

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Great white . . . or a harmless impostor?

THERE was excitement as well as some degree of panic last week after reports that a great white shark had been spotted in the sea off the coast of Cornwall.

The sighting made front page news in some of the national newspapers and fears were expressed that holidaymakers enjoying the south coast sun could be at risk from attack if they went in for a swim.

But it now seems that those fears may have been unfounded as it emerged that what was first thought to be Britain's answer to Jaws was more likely to have been a harmless lookalike.

Marine wildlife experts now believe the beast was actually a porbeagle, a type of shark which looks like a great white but poses no threat to

humans.

Douglas Henderson, of the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth, explained: "Great whites grow to about five or six metres in length while adult porbeagles are about three metres long.

"It is quite likely that what was filmed was a larger, mature porbeagle and it was mistaken for a great white."

Meanwhile, other experts have claimed that even if a great white shark was swimming in British waters it should not be a cause for concern.

Dr Hilmar Hinz, an ocean researcher, said: "In the warmer waters of the Mediterranean there is an occasional sighting of a great white but that doesn't stop anyone from going in the water there."



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Ranger FactFile

NAME: Grace (member 790)	and swimming	Charlie and Lola
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ADDRESS: Gilders, Sawbridgeworth	FAVOURITE FOOD: Everything	FAMILY: Brother, Henry (6)
SCHOOL: Fawbert & Barnard	LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Nothing	PETS: A kitten called Sidney
HOBBIES: Ballet	FAVOURITE BOOK: Disney books	WANTS TO BE: Like her mum
	FAVOURITE TV:	(photo: F3MSLCGK/02)

Happy Birthday

FRIDAY

Daniel (member 513), of Abbotsweid, Harlow, is 11; Alfie (member 409), of Halling Hill, Harlow, is 9; Dylan (member 448), of Hornbeams, Harlow, is 5.

SATURDAY

Henry (member 018), of Rowney Wood, Sawbridgeworth, and Lucie (member 069), of Tickenhall Drive, Harlow, are both 12 and retire from Rangers. Jordan (member 658), of Latton Green, Harlow, is 9; Sian (member 441), of Peacocks, Harlow, is 7.

SUNDAY

Steven (member 475),

of The Downs, Harlow, is 10; Ryan (member 710), of Sakins Croft, Harlow, is 7.

MONDAY

Louis (member 356), of Wychford Drive, Sawbridgeworth, is 5.

TUESDAY

Jamie (member 630), of Rushton Grove, Harlow, is 8.

WEDNESDAY

Leon (member 502), of The Hill, Old Harlow, is 9; Oliver (member 348), of Ranulf Close, Old Harlow, is 6; Jack (member 633), of Copshall Close, Harlow, is 5.

Our new recruits

RYAN (5), of Bush Fair, Harlow, enjoys playing with his toy cars, trucks and diggers. His sister **RACHEL** (8) enjoys Playstation games, puzzles and word searches.

EBONY (4), of Bush Fair, Harlow, is a fan of TV programmes *Fifi* and *The Flowertots*, *Dora The Explorer* and *Lazytown*.

LEE (3), of Doulton Close, Harlow, enjoys cars and breakdancing.

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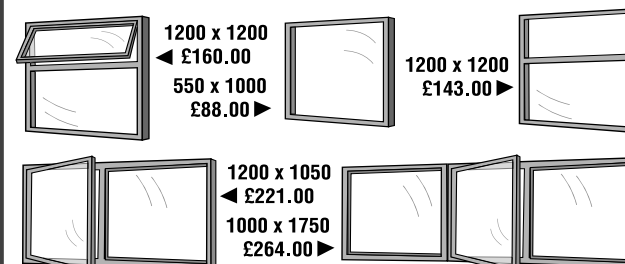
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Family Announcements

Deaths

EVELYN CLAYTON better known as THORA nee Marshall

Passed away peacefully on the evening of August 3rd, 2007 at Princess Alexandra Hospital in the Rehabilitation Ward.

We would like to thank all the staff for their kindness and devotion to herself and her family.

Her funeral is at 12.00 noon on Tuesday, August 14th at the Crematorium, Harlow.

Anyone who knew her and would like to attend are welcome.

No flowers please but any donations kindly given will be forwarded by Daniel Robinson to The British Heart Foundation.

Barbara, Barry and Sheila (her children) and her Grandchildren will miss her lots.

EVELYN THORA CLAYTON

Passed away in hospital on August 3rd. Sadly missed but never forgotten. Funeral at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 14th at Parndon Wood. From her loving brother Vic and family.

COBBE. — Eva. Passed away peacefully in a Clacton residential home on July 29, 2007 aged 89 years. A short but well used period of her life. Funeral service to take place at Weeley Crematorium on Wednesday August 22, at 2pm. Enquiries to Titford Funeral Service. 01255 220066.

HAZEL WINIFRED CRAY

Peacefully at home on August 4th, 2007, aged 67 years. Beloved wife of Norman and loving mum to Maria and Alison and a dear nan to Ellie, Jarrod, Julie and Anthony. Funeral service to be held at Chelmsford Crematorium North Chapel on Thursday, August 16th at 3.00pm. Flowers may be sent to Derek Holmes Funeral Service, 52 Trinity Street, Halstead, Essex CO9 1GB. Tel: 01787 469222.

TERENCE COLDWELL (TERRY)

Passed away July 31st, 2007, aged 71, after a short illness borne bravely with great dignity and courage.

Deeply missed by his wife Pat, his children Sharon, Vanessa, Robert and Angela, his daughter and son-in-law Joanne and Vince and his 13 grandchildren.

Service to be held at St Michael's Church, Windhill on Friday, August 10th at 12 noon followed by burial at Bishop's Stortford Cemetery. All welcome.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to "The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation".

All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 01279 655477.

BEATRICE SMITH
Passed away peacefully July 29th. Sadly missed forever.
Your loving Husband John.

In Memoriam

ELSIE MINNIE BOWERS

August 11th 2002. Five years have passed without you darling but you are forever in our thoughts and always in our hearts.

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JOAN TAYLOR

Sadly passed away on August 2nd, 2007, aged 86 years.

Joan will be greatly missed by all her loving family and many friends.

Reunited with Jim. Funeral service will take place at St Andrews Methodist Church, The Stow on Monday, August 20th, 2007.

Family flowers only please but donations made payable to 'St Andrews Methodist Church Building Fund', may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990

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August 8th, 2000
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LEN FRANCIS

August 8th, 2000.
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Kath

FRANCIS. — Len. August 8th 2000. Memories stay with us always. Keith, Angie, Carl and Tammie.

ROSS HADLEY

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ROSS HADLEY

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Mum, Dad, Mark
x x x

HADLEY. — Ross. Always in our thoughts, always in our hearts. Tracy, Tom and Karis. xxx

HADLEY. — Ross. Our dear cousin. Miss you every day. Love Gemma, Jade and Hayley. xxx

HADLEY. — Ross. Our hearts are still broken, the tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, only your family knows. Love always Nan, Pa and John xxx.

HADLEY. — Ross. Three years have passed but it feels only like yesterday. Miss you always. Love Tina and Terry. xxxx

TREVOR JONES

Passed away in hospital on Tuesday, July 31st, 2007, aged 74 years.

You will always be loved and remembered every day for all the happy times we shared over our 45 years together. Your loving wife Peggy.

The funeral service is being held on August 15th, 2007 at 12 noon at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Flowers can either be delivered on the day to my home address before 10.45 or delivered to Co-Operative Funeral Service, 20 High Street, Old Harlow and please also send donations for Cancer Research UK to the same address.

Thank you. Afterwards at The Royal British Legion.

CHARLES MCGILL

Passed away on August 6th. Dearly loved Husband and Father.

Funeral at Holy Cross, 11am, Wednesday, August 15th. All who knew him welcome.

REGINALD WHEATley

I will love you and miss you so much for the rest of my life. Until we meet again Darling. Rest in peace. All my love always Rita.

REGINALD WHEATley

Formerly of Brays Mead. Sadly passed away on July 31st, aged 75. Will be so sadly missed and always loved by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. All our love Reggie, Debi, Scott, Diane, Ian, all the grandchildren and great grandchildren and Pippin.

BERNARD MURRELLS

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Birthday

PAGE DORIS 85th and BERT 90th

Congratulations and love to you both. Joan, Allan, Malcolm, Lydia, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
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TONI ROSE STEVENS

Toni we all miss you, and wish you were still here, to know you're watching over us, removes us from all fear. Love and miss you lots, Mum, Dad, Tom, Jamie, Ben, Bobbi and Billie xxxxxxxx

VERA ROSE TOWNER (nee AYRTON)

Taken from us on August 9th, 2001. Always in our thoughts. Now joined by youngest brother Ron. Miss you and love you always Simon, Hazel and Bob.

Return Thanks

REDINGTON. — James. John, Alison, Robert and David wish to thank everyone who helped them over the past few difficult weeks. Thank you for all the messages and tributes to James, your words of comfort and help. We wish to thank the members of Harlow Police, the Doctors and Nurses at Princess Alexandra Hospital and especially Karen at Daniel Robinson's. All helped us at a difficult time and performed their jobs in a sympathetic and kindly way. We wish to thank also the folk from the Square and the E15 Drama School for their kindness and tributes. Finally we wish to express our gratitude to our neighbours and family who were at our side during these past weeks. Not forgetting Alison and the members of Potter Street Baptist Church for the lovely funeral service in memory of our dear son.

RICHARD HOWORTH

Happy 23rd Birth. All our love Mum and Doug xx

1st Birthday

1st BIRTHDAY

ALEXANDRA COATS

Happy 1st Birthday Darling. Lots of love and kisses from Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Paul, Auntie Donna, Rhianna and Cerys. xxx

Birth Congratulations

8th Birthday

IT'S A GIRL

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Grandad and family
xxx

13th Birthday

THOROGOOD. — Connor. Our grandson Connor becomes a teenager on August 9th. Happy Birthday. Love you, Nan and Grandad. xxx

BONE. — Jamie. Happy thirteenth birthday. Lots of love from Chris, John, Jo, Mark, Charlie, Neil and Lou. xxx



JAMIE BONE

Congratulations on becoming a teenager at last.
Happy 13th Birthday for August 8th.
Lots of love from Nana, Mum and Steve xxx

18th Birthday



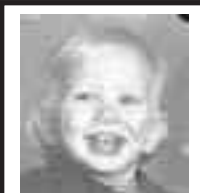
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AMY DURRANT

Happy 21st Birthday.
Love from Mum, Dad, Rebecca and Rupert. xxx



MATTHEW DOHERTY

Happy 21st Birthday, August 11th, 2007. Congratulations on achieving your BA (Hons). Love Mum, Dad, Rachel and Dan. xx

30th Birthday



JOANNE GRANGER

Happy Birthday, August 11th. Enjoy the party. Love you loads. Mum and Alan xxx



SUZANNE HARVEY

30th Birthday To our little mermaid on her special birthday. With all our love Mum and Dad.



TAMMY SHILLING

Happy 30th Birthday for 12th August. Have a great birthday and enjoy your holiday. Lots of love Trevor, Jade, Desni and Brandy. xxx.

40th Birthday



HAPPY 40TH WANDA

Love Shewan, Helen and family, Mum and Mick.



JULIE VINTON

'The Karaoke Queen' Happy 40th Birthday With love from Mum, Dad, Shaun, Kerry and Alexandra xxxxx



KELLY GOUGH

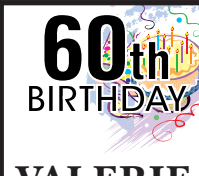
Have a great 40th Birthday. Life starts now! Lots of love. Steve, Jade and Chelsey xxx



HAPPY 40TH FOX

Love Mum, Stu, Robyn, Eva, Joe and Princess

60th Birthday



VALERIE BEATON

Look who's 60 Happy Birthday Love from Barry, Marc, Matthew, Andrea, Kerry and Harry.

70th Birthday

SULLIVAN. — Pat. Have a lovely 70th Birthday. With love Dawn xxx.

70th BIRTHDAY

PAT SULLIVAN

To the best Mum in the world. Have a wonderful birthday and a great holiday. Lots of love always Chris and Clare xxx

Forthcoming Marriages

TAYLOR : HEADLAND

Mr and Mrs Taylor wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Kelly to Michael on Saturday, August 11th, 2007 at Blake Hall. Best wishes to you both from all family and friends.

Marriage Congratulations

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Good Luck

MORGAN. — Kayleigh. Well done, we are so proud of you. Good luck with your football and studies in America. Lots of love, Nan, Grandad, Vanessa, Harrison, Mackenzie.

MORGAN. — Kayleigh. Well done on your Soccer Scholarship in New York. We are going to miss you loads. Have fun and enjoy it. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Chloe. xxx



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Calls restored for grieving widower

A WIDOWER has told of his despair after his telephone was wrongly cut off, isolating him from his family – but thanked the *Star* for stepping in and resolving the situation.

William Ritchie (70), of Woodcroft, Harlow, lost his wife Lilian in May after she contracted an infection while undergoing a routine operation at the town's Princess Alexandra Hospital.

During her stay in PAH, before she finally succumbed, Mr Ritchie phoned his wife at her bed using the costly Patientline system, running up a British Telecom bill of £500.

The pensioner contacted BT to explain the situation and say that although he was willing to pay up, he had been hit with funeral expenses and needed more time to settle the bill.

He was told this would be fine but days later was shocked to find his telephone had been cut off.

"My wife's family and my family live all over the country and all over the world and all I wanted to do was have someone to talk to as well as arrange my wife's memorial," Mr Ritchie told the *Star*.

"I called some of my wife's family in Melbourne, Australia, for a

chat and to explain what had been happening – but when I put the phone down I got a call from a woman at BT demanding to know what on Earth I thought I was doing phoning Australia when I still owed them £140."

Mr Ritchie's phone service was then reduced to local calls only, leaving him unable to make or receive calls from any of his family.

To make matters worse, a few days later he was attacked in his home during a burglary.

A tearful Mr Ritchie, speaking to the *Star* last week, added: "All I want is to talk to my family; I can't even call Bedford, where some of them live.

"I don't know what else to do and I have got no-one else to turn to – after all, my lady isn't just going to walk back through the door is she?"

But after the *Star* contacted BT, the company agreed to remove the call barring.

A spokesman for BT said: "We always endeavour to help our customers when we become aware of their circumstances and, having looked into the case and spoken with Mr Ritchie, we have agreed in this instance to remove the call barring."

By JIM TANFIELD
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THANKS: Pictured with Mr Peck are, left to right, Paula Eve, Dr Faris Al-Rafaie and Jill Herbert (s)

Chairman's help to PAH

THE cancer day care unit at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital is more than £3,000 better off thanks to former council chairman Greg Peck.

Mr Peck, who is currently being treated for leukaemia, handed over the £3,252 raised during his year as chairman, in a ceremony on Friday.

"The people at the unit do a great job and help boost your morale when you need it," he said. "This is my way of thanking the ward for the work they have done, not just for me but for every other cancer patient too."

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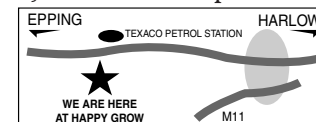
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IN a climate of over-sexualised teenagers, sexually transmitted disease and underage pregnancies, it is often difficult for young people to know where to turn in the event of a crisis in that department.

Parents can seem unreasonable, health professionals intimidating and clinics impersonal, so teens will often bottle up their troubles, fears and frustrations, put on a brave face and carry on as normal.

But now there is new help at hand for teenage girls who unexpectedly fall pregnant in Harlow and are desperate for advice and support.

Run by the little-known Christian Revival Church, the "Help Me, I'm Pregnant" advice line seeks to offer support and a shoulder to cry on for pregnant girls aged 14-18 who don't know where else to turn.

Harlow CRC Pastor Ashok Jalalabadi, who gives weekly services on Sunday evenings from St James' Primary School as well as helping to run the service, told the *Star* about the new helpline and spoke broadly of the challenges his church faces.

"The idea for the helpline came from our realisation that teenage girls often feel like they have nowhere to go to and no-one to talk to when faced with an unplanned pregnancy," he said. "It can obviously be a very traumatic time and what we try to do is to help them in any way we can, from offering them help with buying maternity clothes to discussing their options for the future." Perhaps sensing the inevitable question regarding his church's stance on abortion, Mr Jalalabadi pre-empted scepticism by insisting that advisers do not give advice based solely on their religious beliefs. "Although we are obviously a pro-life organisation we will not tell teenagers that they shouldn't under any circumstances get an abortion. We will support these girls whatever their decision, although we hope they choose to go through with their pregnancy.

"These young girls are often frightened and confused. Sometimes they feel that because of the situation in which they find themselves, or because of family and financial pressures, they cannot go through with having a child. It is their decision and we will never tell them what to do, only offer support and advice."

Despite the CRC's clear assertion on its website of its belief in sex only within marriage – adherence to this principle being an inherent requirement of membership – Pastor Jalalabadi said the CRC would welcome girls into its congregation despite past "mistakes".

"We are not here to turn people away for making mistakes," he said. "That is not what the Bible teaches and should not be what Christianity is about. Of course, we will welcome these girls into our church if they want to join us, but I must stress that this is not the reason we are running this helpline.

"We offer advice with no strings attached. There is no hidden agenda – we aren't trying to preach and convert these girls, which is obviously what sceptics may assume. We just want to reach out to the young and help make their lives easier and more joyful in any way we can."

But what do the health professionals think of the new service? Is it something they see as complementary or contradictory to the qualified advice already available to pregnant teens via the One Stop Shop For Health at the Young Person's Information Centre, in Occasio House?

OSSFH lead nurse Mary Jackson said: "As long as the girls aren't being pushed into doing something they don't want to I don't see any problem with the helpline. Anything that offers support and care to these teenagers in what is usually a very traumatic time should be welcomed.

"Obviously, the volunteers on this helpline are not qualified to give medical advice, but if they can provide a shoulder to cry on without being judgemental then I see it as something positive that complements the work we do at the YPIC.

"Harlow has a relatively high number of teenage pregnancies and I would like to talk to Mr Jalalabadi about possibly working alongside each

Church hoping to give young people a new-found faith



By
CHRIS MOSS

other to reach out to those teens affected and provide them with the support they desperately need."

As a former mathematics and physics teacher at three Harlow secondary schools, Mr Jalalabadi evidently has a good grasp of the real challenges youngsters in the town face as they grow up. He sees frustration, apathy and a general lack of ambition as a malaise blighting bored youths and also hopes the CRC can make headway by effectively tackling these issues and re-engaging youngsters with the community.

"Having been a teacher in Harlow, I am known to about 2,000 youngsters in the town and I understand some of the problems they face," he said. "Many young people feel as though they have nothing to aspire to and instead just leave school and move straight onto benefits without a thought for the amazing potential their lives offer.

"We want to re-engage these frustrated teenagers with life and help them set goals and achieve them. We are reaching out to youngsters with a repackaged version of the Christian faith – one that is directly relevant to society today.

"Many youngsters will not even think about approaching their church in times of need. Other churches have become associated with middle-class morality and seem to be losing touch with reality and the ever-changing world, and young people especially look upon them with a degree of scepticism

"We, on the other hand, are friendly, approachable and informal, spreading God's love and inviting people to start enjoying their lives."

Only time will tell if the CRC manages to fulfil its vision for Harlow's young people, but whatever your thoughts on organised religion, underage pregnancy and abortion, there is no doubt that an increasing number of teenage girls in the town need somewhere to turn where they won't be judged or berated for their mistakes.

REACHING OUT: Mr Jalalabadi hopes the church can offer an impartial support service for pregnant teenagers (photo: XXVNFVGZ/02)

HAPPY BAND: Above, Mr Jalalabadi with members of the congregation (photo: XXVNFVGZ/03)



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Estate agents brand packs a 'stealth tax'

ESTATE agents in the *Star's* circulation area have branded the Government's controversial Home Improvement Packs little more than a stealth tax on homeowners.

The packs – compulsory for houses with four or more bedrooms – were launched last Wednesday and will cost up to £400.

The Association of Home Improvement Pack Providers (AHIPP) claim they will make the buying and selling process easier, combining vital information such as standard searches and sales statements with a new Energy Performance Certificate.

But estate agents have heavily criticised the scheme, claiming HIPs will instead over-complicate procedures and create an unnecessary extra tier of bureaucracy.

Alan Howick, partner in Old Harlow firm Howick And Brooker, complained: "The government have missed a golden opportunity to make useful changes to the buying and selling process.

"The HIPs as they have been introduced now bear very little resemblance to what anyone in my industry hoped for when the plans first emerged.

"The launch has been a massive anticlimax. Personally, I would have liked to have seen something akin to a car's log book, whereby homeowners have to carry out specific safety checks every so often and keep a record.

"I think this is little more than a stealth tax on homeowners – the Government will make

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a nice little profit out of this scheme for not really changing anything at all."

Paul Donovan, manager of Sawbridgeworth estate agent Wright & Co, added: "The Government's claim that it will speed up the process is absolute nonsense.

"A house purchase can only go ahead as fast as other deals in the same chain move, and those lower in the chain will inevitably be selling smaller homes and won't need a HIP, so it will make no difference to completion times whatsoever.

"I think it's safe to say our Government has been browbeaten into this by Brussels, and to show we are leading the way after signing the Kyoto Agreement in terms of reducing our carbon footprint by introducing this Energy Performance Certificate."

But AHIPP director general Mike Ockenden rejected the concerns: "There has been much misinformation and misguidance from various opposition spokespeople but the reality is that HIPs are here and we now need to embrace them and ensure their smooth and successful implementation for the benefit of all involved.

"This is the first major change to improve the house buying and selling process for over 75 years and, as with any major reform, there is going to be a period of bedding in. However, we must keep in mind the long-term improvements that packs will bring to our long-suffering home-owning public."



ANIMAL HOUSE: Pictured, left to right, are Paul Turner, Yianna Christopoulos, Ash Hickey and Scott Sampson (photo: VPGSJRDT/04)

Going animal for movie!

MOVIE-goers were in for a surprise at Harlow's Cineworld on Monday when they were joined by four-legged patrons in the queue for a new comedy blockbuster.

Customers were bemused as animals from Broxbourne's

Paradise Wildlife Park were lined up two-by-two to promote the release of *Evan Almighty*, the story of a modern-day Noah.

Cinema boss Paul Turner said: "It really was quite a bizarre site to see all the animals queuing up!

Tiling MD is on the shortlist

THE managing director of a Harlow tiling training firm is celebrating after making it to the finals of the coveted Essex Business Awards.

Mark Humphreys, of PTS Training Ltd, beat 18 other entrants from the county to secure his place in the final shortlist of just three entrepreneurs in the category of Outstanding Business Person.

The firm – in The Fairway, Bush Fair – is recognised as the UK's number one intensive tiling course provider and has recently branched out to offer painting and decorating tuition.

The finalists were judged on their personal contribution towards staff development, increased trade, company expansion and innovation. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on September 19.

Cycle shop shut

CYCLISTS are mourning the loss of Harlow's only dedicated bike shop following the closure of Full Cycle.

The West Gate store stocked a wide range of cycles and provided a puncture and general repair service as well as spares and accessories.

Market's return

NORTH Weald Market returns as normal this Saturday after being closed last weekend for the World Scout Jamboree.

Spice Master is aiming to be in the top spot by Christmas



A NEW restaurant is looking to spice things up in Harlow with an exotic mix of Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine following a glamorous opening night charity banquet on Monday.

Diners at Spice Master, in The Pink Cottage, Commons Road, were treated to a four-course feast and live entertainment from singer Paul Cantara while raising £1,500 for St Clare Hospice.

The restaurant is the first in a small

TRANSPORTED!: Pictured, left to right, are owner Raj Miah, partner Abdul Karim, council chairwoman Lorna Spenceley, senior partner Heron Miah and facilities manager Julie Hewett (photo: ZTVMM2CB/01)

chain of well-respected Indian eateries to open in Essex and manager Raj Miah told the *Star* he was confident it would "blow the competition away" and become the number one Indian restaurant in town by Christmas.

"We offer fantastic food, friendly service, top chefs and a state-of-the-

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While shopping, you can take some time out with the kids at one of the centre's mobile kids zones which will

be available both inside and outside. Children up to the ages of 13 can come and enjoy free face-painting, craft workshops and T-shirt designing sessions. Parents and children can work together to create masks, puppets and hats as well as a whole range of other exciting activities.

If you are feeling a bit sporty you can take part in the first Bluewater 10km run, organised in association with SheRunsHeRuns? Taking place this Sunday (August 12), it costs just £20 to enter. For further details, visit the website at www.sherunsheruns.co.uk.

From 6-8pm on Thursdays throughout August Bluewater will be hosting cool musical evenings with Jazz In The

Village. For further information visit www.bluewater.co.uk.

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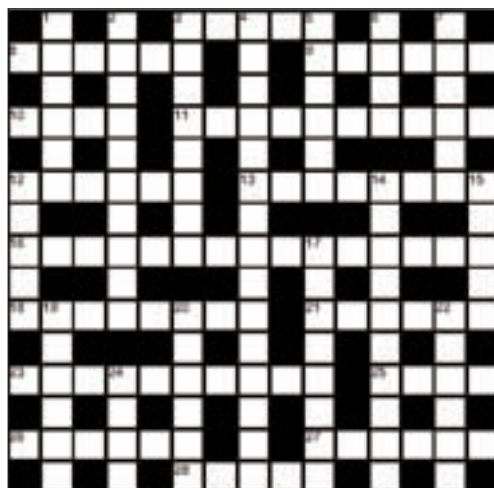
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ACROSS

3. Salesman's particular method of attempting to secure business (5)
8. First name of Gulliver in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* (6)
9. Bursting into flower (6)
10. African country whose capital is Ndjamena (4)
11. Moist, white Italian cheese (10)
12. ----- Falls, waterfall on the border between Brazil and Argentina (6)
13. Collision narrowly avoided (4,4)
16. 1933 film about a small boy who grows up with lions (4,2,3,6)
18. Order of mammals with prominent incisor teeth (8)
21. Descriptive of a match which has intense rivalry (6)
23. Arnold -----, Austrian composer (1874-1951), pioneer of

SOLUTION

ACROSS: 3 Pitch; 8 Lemuel; 9 Abloom; 10 Chad; 11 Mozzarella; 12 Iguaçu; 13 Near miss; 16 King Of The Jungle; 18 Rodentia; 21 Needle; 23 Schoenberg; 25 Viva; 26 Brunel; 27 Lanark; 28 Synod; DOWN: 4 Tazari; 5 Havana; 6 Sio; 7 Codier; 12 Inker; 14 Manservant; 15 Sweden; 17 Jonagold; 19 Ockart; 20 Tennis; 22 Livvy; 24 Ore.



- musical serialism (10)
25. Spanish or Italian for long live (4)
26. Oil-rich sultanate on the island of Borneo (6)
27. Town south-east of Glasgow (6)
28. Ecclesiastical

- council (5)
- DOWN
1. Old name for the porpoise (6)
2. Rectangular area surrounded by buildings (10)
3. Boiled flour pudding

- made with raisins (4-4)
4. First of series of six films starring Johnny Weissmuller, remade in 1981 in a version starring Bo Derek (6,3,3,3)
5. Cigar manufactured in Cuba (6)
6. Fruit of the blackthorn (4)
7. Colloquial word for a very great quantity (6)
12. Pad or roller for putting black liquid on type, etc (5)
14. Alternative word for valet (10)
15. Type of turnip with yellow flesh (5)
17. Dessert apple with firm flesh (8)
19. Carriage pulled by a bovine animal (6)
20. World's most popular racket sport (6)
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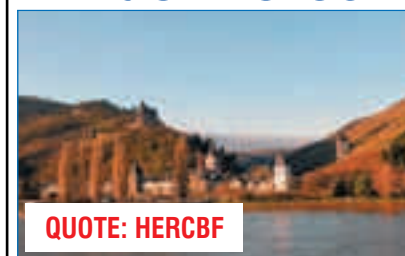
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the guide



SURFIN' BIRD
The penguin who
dreams of being
king of the waves

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arts diary

DANCE: Music and dance from around the world features in the Circle Dance Workshop, at St John's Arts and Recreation Centre, off Market Street, Old Harlow, from 11am on Saturday. For more information, call (01279) 442447.

MUSIC: Mosaic Orchestra are back by popular demand for their third visit to Harlow's Gibberd Garden on Sunday. The performance begins at 3pm and tickets are \$4 (\$2.50 concs, children free), from (01279) 442112.

JAZZ: Bookings are now being accepted for the Essex Jazz Summer School, which takes place in Chelmsford from August 24-27. Drummers, trumpeters and clarinetists are welcome alongside all other instruments. The course costs £360 full board, £310 non-residential and there is a £100 discount for full-time students and senior citizens. For more information, call (0161) 893499.

DANCE: Get ready to *Funk It Up* with Hip Hop Pop at the Playhouse next Friday. The students from the Harlow youth dance troupe's exciting new venture are performing for the first time. Will they have learned to wave and lock? Will they know their old school from their new? There's only one way to find out! Tickets are \$7 (\$5 concs) from (01279) 431945.

BALLET: The accent is on both old and new in Harlow Ballet Association's *A Festival of Romantic Ballet*, in The Playhouse Studio. The show, which runs from August 31 to September 2, includes dances from the golden age of ballet as well as a number of modern works. Tickets are \$9 (\$5 children) from (01279) 431945.

MUSICAL: To celebrate Harlow's 60th anniversary, Playhouse Theatre Company brings together the town's finest young talent to present its version of spoof gangster film *Bugsy Malone*. Performances run from September 14-28 and tickets are £10-14 (£8-£12 children) from (01279) 431945.

Sculpture exhibition gets the outsiders in



By
BEN WILKINSON

A CELEBRATION of Harlow's unique public sculpture collection has proved a massive success, drawing art lovers to the town from far afield.

Outside Inside – at the Gibberd Gallery, in Harlow Civic Centre, until September 22 – aims to complement the 50 pieces of sculpture dotted throughout the town with other pieces by the same artists.

Organised by Friends of Harlow Sculpture, set up last year to protect and popularise Harlow's renowned sculpture legacy, the exhibition includes works by Henry Moore, John Mills, Allan Sly, Angela Godfrey and others.

It has been funded by an £8,000 National Lottery grant and all the works are on loan from private collectors or the sculptors themselves.

Friends spokeswoman Jackie Storey said: "As we mark the 60th anniversary of Harlow, it is most fitting that the importance of sculpture in the town is also recognised.

"It's called *Outside Inside* because all the pieces are by artists who already have work exhibited outdoors in Harlow. We want people to explore the existing collection in the town and then come inside to see some smaller and different pieces by the same artists.

"My personal favourite from the exhibition is



PURR-FECT STUDY:

Friends of Harlow Sculpture members Jenny Lushington, left, and Jackie Storey (photo: R97DHCZ/01)

Anthony Hawken's bust of Melvyn Bragg and I'm also very keen on the John Mills pieces – but everyone will have their own favourite and we have something for all different tastes."

As well as the 28 pieces for visitors to browse at their leisure, the exhibition will also feature two guided tours of sculptures on display in The High. Places can be booked at the exhibition or by calling Mrs Storey on (01279) 830784.

There are also two talks planned: the first, on August 30, about the restoration of Henry Moore's Hoglands home and the second, on September 19, about the work of sculptor Lee Grandjean. Book with Kelly Lean on (01279) 446438.

Finally, sculpture-themed children's workshops take place at the gallery on August 16 and 23, from 10am-noon and 1-3pm, for which there is no need to book.

Livewire tackles two sides of war



(photo: CPN9RCHC/02)

A YOUTH theatre group's moving exploration of the effects of war on an ordinary family left a sold-out audience speechless at its one-off performance on Friday.

The Livewire group's *What Would I Become?* marked the culmination of a week-long theatre challenge for almost 50 youngsters aged 13-19,

pictured above, to write and perform an original piece of drama. Co-ordinated by Sam Ashford of Theatre Active, the piece strived to convey a balanced view of conflict, focusing on the mixed emotions of a family when a husband and father is called away to fight.

"I think this is the best piece we've

ever done for the theatre challenge," said Mr Ashford. "It was a tough week but the audience's reaction indicated how much they appreciated the hard work everyone put in."

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Cops commit another crime against cinema



TAKEN FOR A RIDE: Chris Tucker, left, and Jackie Chan team up for *RUSH HOUR 3* (s)

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FANATICAL ABOUT FILM

THE third instalment in the martial arts comedy action franchise which began with 1998's *Rush Hour* and continued with 2001's sequel takes the action to France.

Once again, Chris Tucker, who plays Los Angeles detective James Carter, teams up with the legendary Jackie Chan, who is back as Chinese cop Chief Inspector Lee.

After previous outings in America and China, in which the two characters attempted to accustom themselves to each

RUSH HOUR 3
certificate 12A, running time 1h31m

other's home environments with humorous consequences, this time both fish find themselves out of the water when they travel to good old Europe to battle the Paris wing of a Chinese organised crime family. The entirely predictable and unimaginative plot sees Carter take every possible opportunity to poke fun at the stereotypically pompous French and show them what real American men with guns

and stuff are capable of. But while Chan lives up to his usual high acting standards with a typically athletic performance, the painfully stale and outmoded Tucker demonstrates why he's been absent from the big screen for the past six years and even before that his last appearance was in, er, *Rush Hour 2*. And as likeable as Chan comes across, it's just not enough to rescue a movie which should never have been made. The best writer, director and cast in the world would struggle to make anything great out of this tired and dated franchise – and this film benefits from none of those.



ON A CREST: Cody the penguin is going for the title in *SURF'S UP* (s)

A surfing bird with a need to rule the waves

SURF'S UP
certificate PG, running time 1h25m

ALTHOUGH another CGI film involving penguins may not seem like a particularly smart move following hot on the flippers of *Happy Feet*, this effort from former Pixar and Disney men Ash Brannon and Chris Buck is an entirely different kettle of fish.

Cleverly shot as a mockumentary following teen penguin surfer Cody (Shia LeBeouf) as he competes in the Big Z Memorial Surf-Off on Pen Gu island, the film really shines with the introduction of laid-back, washed-up surfing hero Geek (Jeff Bridges, brilliantly reprising his role as The Dude in *The Big Lebowski*) who teaches his young protégé that winning isn't everything.

Geek soon becomes a father figure to the impressionable Cody when he suffers a surfing humiliation and loses his self-belief. With bodacious lifeguard Lani Aliikai (Zooey Deschanel) providing the love interest and more than a spark of inspiration, will Cody prove he has what it takes to impress talent scout Mikey Abromowitz (Mario Cantone)?

Ambling along at a leisurely pace with a stellar cast of A-list vocal talent who truly embody their animated counterparts, this is an uncomplicated hidden gem of a family comedy with more than a hint of Nick Park-esque swagger about it.

gig guide

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new music on CD reviewed by Ben Wilkinson, Jim Tanfield

JAMES AND THE QUIET
Wooden Wand (album, Ecstatic Peace)

While comparisons with Dylan are almost always a kiss of death for the artist in question, it's safe to say the remarkable James Jackson Toth can bear the burden of expectation that walks hand in hand with such a bold billing. An album of stark, autumnal beauty brimming with references to vengeful gods and ne'er-do-wells, this solo effort is Americana with a blackened heart and never too much whiskey. The outstanding *We Must Also Love The Thieves* is a slow-burning, stoned shuffle through territory last explored by Neil Young in his mid-'70s prime, while opener *The Pushers* is all dark and brooding countrified folk with a troubled conscience. A remarkable release from an unsung American folk hero.

FINDING FOREVER
Common (Island, album)

A soulful and beautifully produced piece of hip-hop, which is sure to get the accountants loosening their ties at their pal's barbecue. While a lot more rough-edged than the flimsy summer

Will Smith-style rap, there are moments of pure loveliness, a rap over the top of Nina Simone's *Misunderstood* being masterful. Yes, there is the usual 'my mamma couldn't afford shoes but now I've got a crib on both coasts' going on, but nevertheless this is a sure fire hit. Contributions from Lily Allen and executive producer Kanye West help push it further into the mainstream.

MAKING ME MONEY
Jacknife Lee (single, Fiction)

A dismal effort that woefully misrepresents the capabilities of the talented producer/artist. Going slightly mental with a fuzz pedal may have seemed like fun at the time, but the combination of muddy distortion with tired beats and an idiotic vocal refrain of "I really love it and it's making me money" is a bit of a let-down.

FRIDAY
Goldspot (single, Fontana)

The second astonishingly mediocre single to be taken from their astonishingly mediocre album, this trite, string-laden epic from the newly crowned kings of American MOR is the sort of risible

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7 PM	7.00 The ONE Show. Live topical show, in which reporters including Dan Snow and Dominic Littlewood uncover the UK's most fascinating stories. Adrian Chiles and Myleene Klass present. 7478 7.30 My Family. Nick brings home an old banger, and Ben attempts to rekindle his youth by restoring it. (R) 229	7.00 The Flight. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, cameras follow the Coningsby-based unit for a season, including a historic royal flypast. 8720 7.30 The Gardener's Year. Alan Titchmarsh gives horticultural hints on achieving an impressive garden all year round. (R) 671	7.00 Emmerdale. Carrie finds an abortion leaflet in Scarlett's pocket, while Jonny feels sidelined by Grayson and Paul's closeness. Viv asks Sam to let her try child-rearing techniques on Samson. 8774 7.30 Coronation Street. Claire's paranoia deepens. 497	7.00 Channel 4 News 6316 7.30 The Insider 869	7.00 Five News 1034774 7.15 Cricket On Five. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from the second day of the Third Test at The Oval, the last match of the series between the two countries. Analysis comes from Geoffrey Boycott, Simon Hughes and Ian Bishop. 2709316
8 PM	8.00 EastEnders. Evidence piles up against Sean. 6126 8.30 Film: The Stepford Wives (2004). Premiere. A TV executive is persuaded to leave the rat race and move to an idyllic town – but realises the residents are hiding a dark secret. Black comedy, starring Nicole Kidman. 62478	8.00 Gardeners' World Special. Great Britain's private gardens are under threat as an estimated 20,000 new homes are built each year in back gardens grabbed by developers. Joe Swift explores the loophole in the law which classes private gardens as brownfield site. 6403	8.00 London Ambulance. The crewmen treat a five-a-side footballer's gruesome injury. 1294 8.30 Midsomer Murders. Barnaby and Scott investigate when a prize-winning author is murdered on the eve of the Midsomer Literary Festival. John Nettles stars. (R) 89768	8.00 A Place In Spain: Costa Chaos. Rocco's designs for the house have finally been put to paper but his project manager seems to have lost any interest in doing the work, prompting Dawn to invite her father over. 9836 8.30 Big Brother. The next evictee is revealed. 47381	8.00 Monster Rattlers: Austin Stevens' Adventures. Austin travels to Florida in search of North America's largest serpent, the eastern diamondback rattlesnake. He explores hot spots for reptiles, uncovering an array of exotic species, but has trouble locating his quarry. (R) 6807213
9 PM		9.00 India and Pakistan 07: Ganges. The legacy of empires that have flourished and fallen along the river's banks, from Mogul palaces and irrigation canals to the infrastructure and architectural heritage left by the British Raj. 932671 9.50 India and Pakistan 07: When Auntie Went East 586039		9.30 Star Stories. A comic overview of Simon Cowell's career, providing an insight into his working relationships with the likes of Louis Walsh and Simon Fuller, and exploring what inspired him to produce TV shows including Britain's Got Talent! Kevin Bishop stars as Cowell. 58294	9.00 NCIS. The partially dissolved body of a submariner is discovered in a tub of acid at a Navy base – but Gibbs discovers no crew have been reported missing and deduces an imposter has assumed the dead man's identity. Drama, starring Mark Harmon and Sasha Alexander. (R) 6894749
10 PM	10.00 BBC News 28519 10.30 Regional News; Weather 811010 10.35 Film: The Mothman Prophecies (2002). Fact-based supernatural thriller, chronicling bereaved reporter Richard Gere's investigation into a series of bizarre events in rural America. Laura Linney also stars. 88787861	10.00 Grumpy Old Women. Celebrities including Arabella Weir, Eve Pollard, Fiona Phillips, Germaine Greer, Linda Robson, Muriel Gray and Sheila Hancock complain about being constantly rushed off their feet. 19861 10.30 Newsnight; Weather 22381	10.30 ITV News; Weather 26107	10.00 Big Brother. Eviction interview. 11229 10.30 The Friday Night Project. American TV personality David Gest drops in to head the variety show, providing an opening monologue before inviting regular presenters Justin Lee Collins and Alan Carr to delve into his celebrity world. 1301958	10.00 Law & Order. A school hockey coach is killed, and Briscoe and Green become suspicious of a short-tempered member of his team whose trouble-making had led to him being suspended. A murder weapon is found and a confession made. Jerry Orbach and Jesse L Martin star. (R) 6897836
11 PM	12.25 Film: Scanners (1980). A man with dangerous psychic powers is recruited by a sinister corporation to infiltrate and destroy an underground movement led by a fanatical renegade telepath intent on taking over the world. Gritty and grisly sci-fi thriller with heaps of cult appeal and a fantastic premise concocted by writer and director David Cronenberg. Stephen Lack, Patrick McGoochan, Michael Ironside and Jennifer O'Neill head the cast; Weatherview 983879 2.10 BBC News 24 32466256	11.00 The Edinburgh Show. New series. Lauren Laverne presents coverage of the festival. 129671 11.35 Mock The Week (R) 330855 12.05 Film: Born Romantic (2000). Forgettable comedy following three men and three women who find love as they take dance lessons at a London salsa club. Craig Ferguson stars. 9639430 1.35 Kath & Kim (R) 9115188 2.05 Kath & Kim. Last in series. (R) 6691324 2.30 Star Trek (R) 4781237 3.20 Star Trek (R) 5241324	11.00 Supernatural. Sam and Dean encounter a psychic. 76213 12.00 Make Your Play. Interactive game show. 63270237 4.10 Mistresses. Lisa Rogers explores the world of those for whom being 'the other woman' is a full-time job, meeting lap-dancers, prostitutes, dominatrices and Internet-based 'virtual mistresses'. (R) 99147411 4.30 Mistresses. Unfaithful men discuss why they have affairs. (R) 61237 5.00 ITV Nightscreen. 52091 5.30 ITV Morning News 31985	11.35 Big Brother's Big Mouth. Presented by Emma Griffith. 794519 12.00 4Music: The Album Chart Show. Kate Nash, Calvin Harris and the View perform. 5424904 12.35 Big Brother Live. More from the house. 614362 2.30 4Music: Road To V 2007. The final four compete to play at this year's festival. (R) 3353324 2.45 Goalissimo. 4788140 3.40 Transworld Sport. (R) 8242169 4.35 Richard & Judy. (R) 7200701 5.25 Countdown. (R) 8629850	11.00 The Shield. Vic delves deeper into the San Marcos massacre after discovering evidence of a larger conspiracy. Shane decides to work on a back-up plan to protect himself and his family, while Dutch and Billings make a surprising discovery. Mara uses her initiative and threatens Corrine. Michael Chiklis, Walton Goggins, Jay Karnes and David Marciano star. 1051010 12.00 Quiz Call. Interactive game show. 80472782 5.35 Wildlife SOS. (R) 65595966

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Your stars with
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 to guide you through the week ahead

Aries Mar 21-Apr 20
 The thing you certainly will not lack this week is enthusiasm. Others can also get caught up in this. In fact, at times, you may have to reel yourself in. I say this not to dampen your fire, simply that there'll be a thin line between passion and browbeating people into your view of things. Travel, however, can feature brightly for you. Call to hear how Mars can be good for you.

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23
 August has been a month when links, new and old have been bubbling away. If you're yet to see this, fear not, you can now. And of course, you can't sit back and wait for life to come to you. But your appetite for joining in with others is stronger than for some while. At work, your mental dexterity and bright mindedness sparkle. Call to hear why a Leo or a Sagittarius can figure

Taurus Apr 21-May 21
 You like a certain amount of routine - you find it comforting. However, there are times when there's a lot to be gained by variety and this is one of them. This may create tension and moods with those around you and your hopes need to be realistic. For example, why buy a home where high repayments make life miserable? Call me for important news on family and partnerships

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22
 Not only can others be coming round to what you have to offer, crucially you can see the difference in your spending power, or through feeling better about yourself, with both showing improvement. Worldly obligations see you busy. Will you get so caught up in these that you underestimate your sex appeal? This will radiate. Call to hear why promotion is possible.

Gemini May 22-Jun 21
 Mars is powering through Gemini but moves into a powerful opposition to Jupiter. This can see you full of beans, but guard against overconfidence. You can't force your ideas through, but you can certainly be very persuasive! And if there is anyone you're attracted to, you can be very keen to snare them. Hunter-gatherer? Exactly! Call to hear why this week is special for love.

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21
 If there are opportunities, you're unlikely to be a shrinking violet in chasing them down. This can see you competitive, but also your love of wide open spaces is aroused. Don't let yourself be confined Archer, it's an anathema to you at the best of times, but this week if you roam freely, you'll have great fun. Call to hear more about education or distance learning.

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23
 For much of August you have been able to bed down projects and hopes on the back of a very practical and helpful astral backdrop. Yet you don't want to undermine the progress by overburdening yourself through too many commitments. Through your good nature you may be tempted to help out too much. Call me to handle this week's tricky Quarter Moon.

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20
 Make sure that person you're drawn to you is as committed as you. Woolly thinking around a close tie can see you get hurt. You can be asked to undertake a special role for work. Again, be sure of how genuine this is before investing too much energy. Yet in the background things are shaping up really well. Call me to hear why money needs care.

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23
 You have a classy and stylish way of approaching life and this week will show when people can be receptive to what you have to say. Friendships and sociability are also areas where you can shine. In fact Leo, you'll be in demand and it'll be nice to be wanted. Your love life can also ignite. You're simply irresistible - what's new! Call to hear how to make the most of your creativity.

Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19
 Partnerships are blessed - especially those unions where you can both see how much there is to be gained by linking closely. A lot of people are also going to demand your attention and yes your popularity can climb to new heights. However, romantically, things can shimmer but also be hazy. Is someone really as magical as they seem? Call me to make the most of your relationships.

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23
 Sensitive issues are bubbling away, but that doesn't mean that you won't or can't gain from these, because this can be a positive week - as long as you don't fall into the trap of being so defensive that you overreact to the wrong things. The best way through all this is to choose companions wisely. Call me now to hear who to look for and who to avoid.

Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20
 This can be a week where you make great progress - but don't overload yourself with too many tasks. And, you're more likely to flourish if your interpersonal skills are well honed and do build-up your contacts book. Yet if someone seems charming, be aware of subtle undercurrents. Not everyone's motives will be whiter than white. Call to hear who can be so good for you.

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BBC 1



DanceX — Ben Shephard hosts as the groups perform Rat Pack songs

6.00 Breakfast 6673546 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites 59492 11.30 A Taste Of My Life (R) 3411 12.00 BBC News; Weather 9012508 12.10 Football Focus 5654508 1.00 Live Horse Racing. The Shergar Cup at Ascot and two feature races from Haydock Park. Coverage continues on BBC 2. 6.416053 2.10 Live International Rugby Union. Scotland v Ireland (Kick-off 2.30pm). This afternoon's summer international comes from Murrayfield, where the hosts are hoping to claim their first win over the Irish since 2001. 77833053 4.30 Final Score 5970324 5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 8824256 5.35 Just For Laughs (R) 652411 6.05 School's Out. With Sally Lindsay, Bill Turnbull and Hannah Waterman. 979237 6.40 DanceX. The groups perform Rat Pack numbers. 2258237

BBC 2



Coast — In the last in the series, Neil Oliver travels from Jersey to Dover

6.00 CBeebies 13091 7.00 CBBC: Dogstar (R) 6237463 7.25 The Batman (R) 3127053 7.45 Dennis The Menace; (R) Balfink (R) 91459 8.15 ChuckleVision (R) 8803850 8.30 The Story Of Tracy Beaker (R) 82985 9.00 The Sorcerer's Apprentice (R) 73237 9.30 The Slammer (R) 78463 10.00 Beat The Boss (R) 6557275 10.25 The Story Of Tracy Beaker (R) 6550362 10.55 Do Something Different 9304512 11.25 What's New Scooby-Doo? (R) 7026527 11.45 Sportsround 1317459 12.00 The Sky At Night (R) 2093701 12.20 Animal Park (R) 3939898 1.20 Natural World (R) 8022169 2.10 Live Horse Racing 77855275 4.35 A Wild Irish Summer (R) 8743782 4.45 Weakest Link (R) 5991817 5.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (R) 531966 6.10 Coast. From Jersey to Dover. Last in series. 813072

ITV 1



Baby Ballroom — The Championship: Final — Kate Thornton hosts

6.00 GMTV 5187275 9.25 CITV: Horrid Henry (R) 9013985 9.40 Planet Sketch 7781445 9.55 Shuriken School 4918324 10.25 The Gibley Boys (R) 6554188 10.55 SpongeBob SquarePants (R) 7809275 11.10 My Parents Are Aliens (R) 7604053 11.40 Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Last Free Man (2001). Detective drama, starring Angela Lansbury. 39433508 1.15 ITV News And Weather 93915256 1.25 London Today; Weather 64149695 1.30 Film: Kid Galahad (1962). Elvis Presley musical. 60213850 3.15 Elvis By The Presleys (R) 946546 4.15 Best Ever Worst Auditions 2 (R) 350850 5.15 London Tonight; Weather 9660237 5.30 ITV News And Sport; Weather 385362 5.50 You've Been Framed! 924140 6.15 Film: Thunderbirds (2004). Premiere. 86878121

CHANNEL 4



Deadliest Catch — The fishermen await the call to begin work

6.10 The Hoobs (R) 7728850 6.35 The Hoobs (R) 9610904 7.00 Goalissimo (R) 21121 8.00 The Morning Line 8615633 8.55 T4: Big Brother's Little Brother 7700985 9.25 T4: Friends (R) 9280695 9.55 T4: Hollyoaks Postcard From T4 On The Beach (R) 2931148 10.10 T4: Friends (R) 6521850 10.40 T4: Girls Aloud's Postcard From T4 On The Beach (R) 7884966 10.55 Big Brother (R) 2038614 11.55 Big Brother (R) 7603459 12.30 T4: The Bourne Ultimatum: T4 Movie Special 78427 1.00 T4: Charmed (R) 90492 2.00 Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket And Redcar. The 3.15 skybet.com Sweet Solera Stakes (7f). 77837879 4.20 Location, Location, Location (R) 2451091 4.55 Film: Carry On Up The Khyber (1968). Bawdy comedy, with Sid James. 36404091 6.35 Channel 4 News 347850

FIVE



Angela's Eyes — Angela (Abigail Spencer) argues with her brother

6.00 Sunrise 8186701 6.55 Milkshake! (R) 63367898 10.00 Perfect Disaster (R) 1027053 11.00 David Beckham's Soccer USA (R) 8514169 11.50 Nick Baker's Weird Creatures (R) 9780782 12.50 The Great British Sea Monster: Great Ocean Adventures (R) 8137527 1.40 Film: Columbo: A Trace Of Murder (1997). Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 19363184 3.35 Film: Here On Earth (2000). The lives of three disparate youths intersect during a fateful summer in a remote small town. Over-the-top romantic drama, starring Chris Klein. 9714275 5.25 Film: Jane Eyre (1996). Emotional retelling of Charlotte Bronte's tale of an orphan girl who becomes governess in a Yorkshire mansion, and falls in love with her employer. Charlotte Gainsbourg stars. 4661053

7 PM

7.55 The National Lottery Draws. More fortunes are made as Tim Vincent sets the balls rolling and the all-important results of the Thunderball, Dream Number and Lotto draws are revealed. 280546

7.10 BBC Proms 2007. Colin Davis conducts the European Union Youth Orchestra in a concert based on the theme of nature, from the Royal Albert Hall, London. The renowned Sibelius interpreter brings his deep understanding to the composer's Fifth Symphony. 30489409

8.05 Baby Ballroom — The Championship: Final. Kate Thornton presents the competition's grand final, in which the dancing couples who have made it through the heats are joined by one rejected pair voted back into the contest by viewers. The judges are Pierre Dulaine and Ray Quinn. 2070527

7.05 Deadliest Catch. The fishermen come to the end of a long night spent baiting and setting up crab pots in extreme weather conditions and anxiously await the captain's signal to start hauling them in. Meanwhile, the crew on one of the boats realise they could fall behind when the boards in its storage bin break. 757362

7.15 Cricket On Five. England v India. Mark Nicholas introduces highlights from the third day of the Third Test at The Oval, a pitch that India have enjoyed batting on in the past. Rahul Dravid hit 217 before eventually being run out by Ashley Giles when the sides met on this ground in 2002. 2603188

8 PM

8.05 Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider — The Cradle Of Life (2003). Premiere. The curvaceous heroine returns to thrill fans with another action-packed archaeological adventure, this time crossing the world to hunt for the legendary Pandora's Box. Gerard Butler also stars. 60764072

9.10 British Film Forever. The advent and evolution of the social realism genre, which seeks to depict working people and the realities of their everyday lives. Ken Loach and Mike Leigh are among the directors discussing such films as Billy Elliot, A Taste of Honey, Train-spotting, Scum and Billy Liar. 8820850

9.35 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Celebrity. Another chance to see this Christmas special from 2005. Terry Wogan takes the hotseat alongside viewer Tim Radford, who successfully bid £40,000 to appear on the show in a Children in Need auction. Also playing is Louis Walsh. 938782

8.05 Swimming With Sharks. Extreme survival series Alive continues with the tale of divers Melissa Armstrong and David Tomlinson, who were exploring an oceanic volcano in a remote dive site off the Solomon Islands when strong currents carried them away from their boat. 1328633

8.00 Five News And Sport 6950237 8.15 NCIS. Part two of two. Gibbs continues to blame himself for Kate's death, and enlists Jenny's help to track down Ari — but the pair are nearly killed in a shoot-out. Just when all seems lost, however, Ziva is able to point the investigation in the right direction. (R) 8208188

9 PM

9.55 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update 891140

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9.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Catherine and Grissom investigate the death of a casino worker and the case of a tourist who is badly beaten, before realising that both attacks are linked to a violent mob. Forensic drama, guest starring former Mr Britney Spears, Kevin Federline. (R) 3479695

10 PM

10.15 Match Of The Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights from the opening matches of the Premier League season, including Sunderland against Tottenham Hotspur and Portsmouth's visit to Pride Park to face Derby County. Plus, action from West Ham United v Manchester City. 7845817

10.40 Film: All Or Nothing (2002). Premiere. Mike Leigh's bleak but intense drama chronicling a long weekend in the lives of a working-class London family. Timothy Spall and Lesley Manville head the outstanding cast, alongside Alison Garland, James Corden, Ruth Sheen and Marion Bailey. 11784782

10.35 ITV News And Weather; Weather 589701 10.50 Film: Jaws 3 (1983). A baby shark is captured by divers and put on display in a Florida marine centre — where its angry mother soon appears, intent on exacting revenge. Dennis Quaid and Simon MacCorkindale star. 71813140

10.55 The 50 Greatest Comedy Films. A countdown of celluloid classics that have had the British public rolling in the cinema aisles. From A Fish Called Wanda to Austin Powers, Four Weddings and a Funeral to Blues Brothers and When Harry Met Sally to Best in Show. Concludes tomorrow. (R) 62565459

10.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A forensic psychiatrist is found brutally assaulted and left for dead in a crack house. Benson and Stabler overcome the restrictions posed by doctor-patient confidentiality to uncover the link between the beating and an unsolved homicide. 4797256

11 PM

11.35 Film: Biker Boyz (2003). The president of a motorcycle club battles to prove he's still king of the drag-racing circuit and keep his championship title from an upstart determined to seize it. High-octane thriller, which burns plenty of rubber but offers an uninspiring storyline that soon veers off course. Laurence Fishburne, Derek Luke, Orlando Jones, Lisa Bonet, Brendan Fehr, Larenz Tate, Kid Rock, Rick Gonzalez, Meagan Good and Djimon Hounsou star; Weatherview 121817 1.25 BBC News 24 91968473

12.45 Film: The Plague (2004). Premiere. Drama, following a weekend in the lives of four young men living on a London council estate. Starring Samuel Anoyke, Brett Harris, David Bonnick Jnr, Kevin N Golding and Nur Alam Rahman. 324164 2.25 Farscape. Aeryn hears news of her father as she tries to contact the dead Crichton. (R) 2230560 3.10 Farscape. Aeryn becomes consumed by grief, but D'Argo and Chiana are oblivious as they make new friends. (R) 5221560

12.40 Make Your Play. Interactive game show offering viewers the chance to use their skill and judgement to win nightly cash prizes of up to £50,000. 11854744 4.15 Antiques Auction. Lynda Bellingham lifts the lid on the world of antiques, revealing how to appraise items and bid with confidence. (R) 99113454 4.35 Antiques Auction. Lynda Bellingham offers more advice. (R) 95525909 5.00 ITV Nightscreen. Behind the scenes of ITV programmes. 93560 5.30 ITV Morning News 81102

12.35 4Music: TBA: Kasabian. The indie-rockers perform at an art-deco cinema in their home town of Leicester and have a kickabout with their beloved Leicester City FC. (R) 2877744 1.25 Big Brother Live. More from the house. 81561102 3.45 4Music: Festival Postcards: The Big Chill. Four friends experience the music event. (R) 11478980 4.00 The Insider (R) 60701454 4.25 Full Metal Challenge. (R) 8038980 5.25 Countdown. (R) 8696522

11.10 Angela's Eyes. The team embark on a mission to track down stolen artwork and come across a dangerous assassin thought to be long dead. Meanwhile, Angela argues with her brother Jerry about the papers relating to their parents' imprisonment. Abigail Spencer and Paul Popowich star. 8411188 12.10 Quiz Call. Interactive game show giving viewers the chance to phone in and answer questions for cash prizes. 90768947 5.35 Wildlife SOS. The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R) 65562638

SATELLITE AND FREEVIEW

SKY ONE

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 7.00 Mission Implausible 8.00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer 9.00 Little Monsters 10.00 Vroom Vroom 11.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 1.00 Lion Man 6.00 Futurama 7.00 The Simpsons 8.00 Lost 9.00 Bones 10.00 Cold Case 11.00 Road Wars 12.00 How TV Changed Football Forever 1.25 Toughest Pubs In Britain 2.15 Mark Williams' Big Bangs 3.05 Star Trek: The Next Generation 3.55 Is Harry On The Boat? 4.45 Relic Hunter 5.35 Footballers' Pads BBC3 7.00 International Rugby Union 7.55 Dance Xtra 8.25 Top Gear 9.25 The Real Hustle 9.55 The Most Annoying Pop Moments — We Hate To Love 12.25 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 1.25 The Real Hustle 1.55 The Most Annoying Pop Moments — We Hate To Love 4.25 Close BBC4 7.00 John Wyndham: The Invisible Man Of Science Fiction 8.00 Random Quest 9.00 Film: Walk On Water (2004). Premiere. Political thriller, with Lior Ashkenazi. 10.40 Lonesome Dove 12.15 Hawkwind — Do Not Panic 1.15 Random Quest 2.15 John Wyndham: The Invisible Man Of Science

Fiction 3.15 Hawkwind — Do Not Panic 4.15 Close ITV2 9.25 Emmerdale 12.15 Coronation Street 2.40 Holiday Showdown 3.40 Holiday Airport 4.40 Australian Princess 5.40 Movies Now 5.55 America's Got Talent: Finale 7.35 America's Got Talent: Finale Results 8.35 Nanny 911 9.35 Film: Dante's Peak (1997). Pierce Brosnan stars in this by-the-book disaster movie as a geologist involved in a race against time to save a town from an erupting volcano. Also starring Linda Hamilton. Including Entertainment News Update. 11.35 Film: Outbreak (1995). Explosive action thriller, starring Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Including Entertainment News Update. 2.05 Calum, Fran And Dangerous Danan 3.00 Make Your Play: ITV Play 3.35 Emmerdale ITV3 6.00 Bonnie Prince Charlie 6.45 McCloud 8.45 Southbound 9.45 Home To Roost 10.15 Agatha Christie's Poirot 12.25 Southbound 1.25 Pie In The Sky 2.30 Film: Smokey And The Bandit (1977). Marvellous fast-paced comedy, starring Burt Reynolds as a maverick driver chased across America by



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the wall while delivering a consignment of beer to a party. With Jackie Gleason. 4.15 Agatha Christie's Poirot 6.25 Midsomer Murders 8.35 The Two Ronnies 9.35 Taggart. Blythe Duff stars. 12.30 Film: Jaws 2 (1978) 2.30 The Bill 4.30 Teleshopping ITV4 12.30 3rd Rock From The Sun 12.50 Movies Now 1.00 Europe's Greatest Stunts 1.30 Police, Camera, Action! 2.00 Police Patrol 3.00 Earth: Final Conflict 4.00 The Professionals 5.00 Police, Camera, Action!

5.30 GP2 Racing 6.00 X-Fighters 6.30 Travis Pastrana: Driven 7.00 Used Car Roadshow 8.00 Martial Law 9.00 The Frank Skinner Show 10.00 The Winner 10.30 Film: Jacob's Ladder (1990). A Vietnam veteran suffers a series of terrifying visions in which he is plagued by grotesque apparitions. Intense psychological chiller, starring Tim Robbins. Including Entertainment News Update. 12.45 Film: The Eiger Sanction (1975) Spy adventure. 3.15 The Larry Sanders Show 3.40 Movies Now 3.50 Film File 3.55 Wrecking Your Life 4.00 Teleshopping E4 6.00 Big Brother Live 7.55 Big Brother's Little Brother 8.25 Big Brother 9.25 Big Brother 9.55 Big Brother Live 2.00 The Album Chart Show 2.30 Hollyoaks 5.00 Friends 5.30 Friends 6.00 Big Brother's Little Brother 6.30 Scrubs 7.00 Smallville 7.55 Friends 8.25 Friends 9.00 Big Brother 10.00 Big Brother 10.35 Big Brother's Diary Room Uncut 11.35 Big Brother Live MORE4 9.00 Jynkard Wars 10.00 Time Team 11.30 Time Team 12.30 Time Team 1.30 Film: The Four Feathers (1939). A military officer wrongly accused of cowardice tries to

redeem himself by enlisting as an undercover agent in Egypt. Wonderful adventure, starring John Clements and June Duprez. 3.40 Grand Designs 4.40 Grand Designs 5.45 Grand Designs 6.50 Grand Designs 7.55 Grand Designs 8.55 Snailmail 9.00 Britain's Worst Weather 10.00 Britain's Worst Weather 11.05 The Closer 12.05 Live From Abbey Road 1.05 Close UKTV GOLD 6.00 Baywatch 7.00 My Hero 7.40 My Hero 8.20 My Hero 9.00 Dallas 10.00 Dallas 11.00 Dallas 12.00 Dinnerladies 12.40 Dinnerladies 1.15 Dinnerladies 1.55 Dinnerladies 2.35 Dinnerladies 3.10 Dinnerladies 3.50 Dinnerladies 4.30 Dinnerladies 5.10 Dinnerladies 5.40 Dinnerladies 6.20 Dinnerladies 7.00 Dinnerladies 7.40 Dinnerladies 8.20 Dinnerladies 9.00 Film: Shanghai Knights (2003). Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson return as the mismatched pair, this time heading for adventure on the misty streets of Victorian London. Martial arts comedy sequel, with Aidan Gillen. 11.15 Jack Dee's Happy Hour 11.55 The Royle Family. Dave is accused of flirting. 12.35 Men Behaving Badly. Dorothy's nephew comes to stay. Comedy, starring Martin Clunes. 1.15 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 1.50 Miss Marple 3.25 Doctor Who 4.15 Baywatch 5.00 My Hero 5.30 My Hero

Sunday, August 12

BBC 1



The Chase — Rick is upset about the lack of response to his proposal

6.00 Breakfast 91236305 **7.40** Match Of The Day (R) 5073812 **9.00** News 24 Sunday 75541 **10.00** Heaven & Earth With Gloria Hunniford 64812 **11.00** Countryfile. John Craven visits Newquay. Including weather for the week ahead. 84676 **12.00** BBC News; Weather 9379247 **12.05** 'Allo 'Allo! (R) 4583454 **12.30** Cash In The Attic (R) 27473 **1.30** Murder, She Wrote (R) 2180305 **2.15** EastEnders 501638 **4.00** Dancing With The Stars 52102 **5.30** Songs Of Praise 839812 **6.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather 272947 **6.30** Last Of The Summer Wine. Howard discovers he has mistakenly agreed to take Pearl and Marina out to dinner at the same time. Long-running comedy from the pen of Roy Clarke, starring Robert Fyfe, Peter Sallis and Frank Thornton. 183

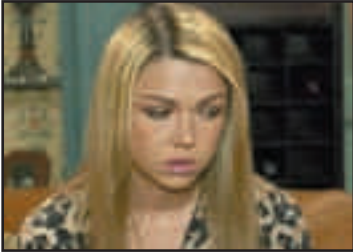
BBC 2



Match of the Day 2 — Adrian Chiles presents highlights of today's games

6.00 CBeebies: Teletubbies; (R) CBeebies Birthdays 97763 **6.30** Balamory (R) 6726541 **6.50** Step Inside (R) 2238015 **7.00** CBBC: Batfink (R) 2659473 **7.10** Legend Of The Dragon (R) 3104102 **7.30** Smile 318589 **10.00** Something For The Weekend 14541 **11.30** Bill's Food 1117270 **11.55** Film: The Stars Look Down (1939, b/w). Social drama, with Michael Redgrave. 39401909 **1.30** London Triathlon 60293096 **3.15** International Rugby Union 6079170 **4.10** Racing With Camels (R) 4210183 **4.50** Choirs, Druids And Bards: Guto Harri's Guide To Eisteddfod 2007 6553947 **5.20** Natural World (R) 4568725 **6.10** Ganges. The legacy of empires that have flourished and fallen along the river's banks, from Mogul palaces and irrigation canals to the railways left by the British Raj. (R) 200386

ITV 1



Emmerdale — Carrie learns about Kelly's abortion

6.00 GMTV 5154947 **9.25** CITV: Art Attack (R) 9268473 **9.50** Pocoyo 4069251 **10.00** The Championship 59980 **11.00** The Way We Worshipped (R) 3299 **11.30** Steve Irwin: Giant Crocs Of Oz (R) 41454 **12.30** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987). Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy. 92397873 **2.20** ITV News And Weather 16504676 **2.25** London Today; Weather 16503947 **2.30** British Superbike Championship. James Cracknell presents live coverage of the second race in the 10th round of the season at Croft. 44183 **4.00** Creature Comforts (R) 1009980 **4.10** Film: Uncle Buck (1989). Family comedy, starring John Candy, Jean Kelly and Gaby Hoffman. 94481164 **6.00** Call Me A Cabbie 268744 **6.25** London Tonight; Weather 625015 **6.40** ITV News And Weather 778831

CHANNEL 4



Supernanny — Jo Frost continues working her magic in America

6.10 The Hoobs (R) 7795522 **6.35** The Hoobs (R) 3915116 **7.00** Transworld Sport 91378 **8.00** Triathlon 28909 **8.30** Freesports On 4 4901183 **8.55** T4: The OC (R) 1536657 **9.55** T4: Hollyoaks 12821831 **12.25** T4: Friends. Part two of two. Rachel tries to get to London. (R) 4570980 **12.55** T4: Big Brother's Little Brother 9726831 **1.55** T4: Big Brother's Diary Room Uncut 8597034 **2.55** T4: Smallville 2592386 **3.55** T4: The Simpsons 2876454 **4.25** T4: The Simpsons 4969928 **4.50** Supernanny 7407164 **5.45** Deal Or No Deal Classic. Another chance to see a memorable episode. (R) 123638 **6.30** Channel 4 News 838170 **6.45** Come Dine With Me. Five contestants from Cambridge attempt to outdo each other by throwing the perfect dinner party – which will be judged by their four rivals. (R) 2240218

FIVE



Vanished — The FBI agents prepare for the return of Sara Collins

6.00 Milkshake! (R) 4274744 **9.00** Funky Town (R) 3876980 **9.05** Peppa Pig (R) 2404218 **9.15** Fifi And The Flowerpots (R) 2484454 **9.30** Jane And The Dragon (R) 2272021 **10.00** How To Be A Property Developer (R) 1094725 **11.00** House Doctor: Inside And Out (R) 59986812 **12.05** Great Artists (R) 1228947 **12.40** Five News Update 34082909 **12.45** The Big Valley (R) 4283270 **2.45** Film: Yanks (1979). Romantic World War Two drama, starring Richard Gere. 25002831 **5.15** Five News And Sport 33666164 **5.30** Film: A Knight In Camelot (1998). A computer researcher's latest experiment sends her back in time to the days of King Arthur. Zany fantasy adventure, based on a story by Mark Twain, also starring Michael York, Amanda Donohoe and Ian Richardson. 93221522

7 PM

7.00 **Real Men.** New series. The stories of people who are prepared to work where many would fear to tread, beginning with three saturation divers, whose job it is to descend 200 metres below the North Sea to scour the sea bed for oil. Narrated by Julian Rhind-Tutt. Continues tomorrow. 6251

7.00 **Equator.** Simon Reeve heads to Indonesia, the world's largest archipelagic nation and home to 220 million people speaking different languages on a collection of 18,000 islands. However, disaster strikes when the explorer and his crew head back to the mainland. (R) 4893

7.00 **Emmerdale.** Carrie learns about the abortion and wastes no time in confronting Kelly, while Carl warns Barraclough not to fall in love. 8386 **7.30** **Coronation Street.** Ashley grows concerned by Claire's increasing paranoia, Tyrone leaves for Spain. Steven Arnold stars. 763

7.15 **Cricket On Five.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from the fourth day of the Third Test at The Oval, where the series edges toward its conclusion. The 2002 series between the teams ended in a draw, with the final Test also played on this ground. 2663560

8 PM

8.00 **The Chase.** Rick is upset he has not received a reply from Clare to his proposal and is concerned when he sees her greet a mystery man at her home. With mounting financial and romantic pressures he is reluctant to deal with Deborah. Drama, starring Sunetra Sarka and Reece Dinsdale. 2299

8.00 **Coast Revisited.** First of two programmes showing highlights from the series, which saw geographer Nicholas Crane journey around the coastline of the United Kingdom, joined by historian Neil Oliver, anthropologist Alice Roberts and zoologist Miranda Krestovnikoff. (R) 3541

8.00 **Britain's Favourite View.** Trevor McDonald presents a new series in which celebrities extol the virtues of their favourite views in Britain. Katherine Jenkins chooses the Three Cliffs Bay on the Gower Peninsula and Des Lynam waxes lyrical about Seven Sisters in the South Down. 7367

8.00 **Big Brother: On The Couch.** Davina McCall is joined by a team of experts to analyse the social dynamic of the contestants and any problems that have arisen, with reference to the key events of the previous week. 5909

8.00 **Film: The Mask Of Zorro (1998).** The sword-swinging saviour of Spanish California returns after a 20-year absence, tutoring a thief to take over his heroic role and tackle corrupt government officials who are mining gold illegally. Stunning swashbuckler, starring Antonio Banderas. 40658928

9 PM

9.00 **Mountain.** Griff Rhys Jones traverses the peaks of central Scotland and explores how the area was transformed by the Victorians from a wild landscape into a romantic country retreat. He goes dog sledding across the Cairngorm plateau, runs up Ben Nevis with a group preparing for the Ben Race. 5763

9.00 **Film: Billy Elliot (2000).** A northern youngster is pushed into taking boxing lessons by his macho dad – but ends up enrolling in a ballet class instead, where it soon becomes clear he has a real talent for fancy footwork. Smash-hit comedy drama, starring Jamie Bell and Julie Walters. 43283305

9.00 **The Commander.** Part two of two. As the investigation continues, suspicion shifts from Jimmy Bannerman to Terry Donnelly when an eyewitness puts him at the scene of the murder and information on his troubled childhood comes to light. Last in series. Amanda Burton and Paul Brightwell star. 4201

9.00 **Big Brother.** Highlights from the housemates' past 24 hours inside the Big Brother compound as cameras observe their every move. 8473

10 PM

10.00 **BBC News; Weather** 259102 **10.20** **Medium.** Allison dreams that Marie has died of leukaemia and becomes convinced she must keep her safe no matter what. Meanwhile, Scanlon investigates the death of a close friend. Supernatural drama, starring Patricia Arquette and Jake Weber. 356947

10.45 **Match Of The Day 2.** Adrian Chiles is joined by Alan Shearer and Lee Dixon to present highlights of this afternoon's Premier League fixtures, featuring Chelsea v Birmingham City, Manchester United v Reading and Arsenal v Fulham. Jose Mourinho's men triumphed 2-0 in their last home fixture. 660541

10.00 **ITV News And Weather; Weather** 532947 **10.15** **21Up South Africa.** Part of the seminal 7Up series of films, this edition returns to the group first seen in South Africa in 1992 as the post-apartheid vision was emerging. The programme featured a diverse range of children. 705473

10.00 **The 50 Greatest Comedy Films.** Concluding the countdown of humorous celluloid classics, as voted for by the British public. Contenders for the top spot include Bridget Jones's Diary and The Life of Brian. Famous faces offering their opinions include Gene Wilder. (R) 138562

10.35 **Vanished.** The FBI agents prepare for the return of Sara Collins after the demands of the kidnappers are met. A tip-off containing information about Kelton disrupts the homecoming and sends the investigation onto a different course entirely. Crime drama, starring Joanne Kelly and Gale Harold. 5775638

11 PM

11.00 **Film: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996).** Two criminals take a preacher and his children hostage, seeking refuge in a Mexican bar – which turns out to be inhabited by vampires. Blood-soaked horror, starring George Clooney; Weatherview 173947 **12.45** **Sign Zone: The Great British Village Show.** Montacute House in Somerset. (R) 7427665 **1.30** **Sign Zone: Holby City.** The day of Ric and Thandie's wedding dawns. (R) 21435 **2.30** **Sign Zone: Vet Safari.** (R) 18690 **3.00** **BBC News 24** 8186684

11.45 **Heroes.** The paths of the heroes cross in Las Vegas, where Hiro exploits his powers to help Ando win in a casino and Niki encounters Nathan. Meanwhile, Claire takes revenge on Brody. (R) 974812 **12.30** **Film: A Way Of Life (2004).** A teenage mum sinks to nightmarish depths in an attempt to support herself and her beloved child. Bleak and shocking drama, starring Stephanie James and Brenda Blethyn. 8207619 **1.55** **Farscape.** (R) 6326400 **2.40** **Farscape.** (R) 2385665

11.45 **Vicars' Wives** 802305 **12.15** **Essentials Of Faith** (R) 8022752 **12.40** **Motorsport UK.** The latest rounds of the Clio Cup and Formula Renault Championship at Croft. 1590752 **1.05** **Film: Vanishing Point (1971).** A former racing driver plays a taut game of cat-and-mouse with the law while travelling from Denver to San Francisco. Unmissable high-octane thriller, starring Barry Newman. 831058 **2.45** **The Jeremy Kyle Show** (R) 4651042 **3.40** **ITV Nightscreen** 449077 **5.30** **ITV Morning News** 42481

11.40 **George Michael: The Road To Wembley.** Chris Evans presents this interview with the singer to celebrate his performance in front of 90,000 people at the new Wembley Stadium in June. (R) 620164 **12.45** **Big Brother's Diary Room Uncut.** The housemates share their thoughts with Big Brother. 262690 **1.45** **Big Brother Live.** More from the house. 52250058 **5.00** **The Bernie Mac Show.** Bernie hires a maid. (R) 6415077 **5.25** **Countdown.** (R) 8590394

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4.20 Movies Now **4.30** Teleshopping **ITV3** **6.00** Bonnie Prince Charlie **6.50** Film File **7.00** Upstairs, Downstairs **8.05** Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans? **9.25** Mapp And Lucia **10.30** The Two Ronnies **11.30** Robin Of Sherwood **12.35** Home To Roost **1.05** Sherlock Holmes: The Sign Of Four **3.20** Kavanagh QC **5.00** Robin Of Sherwood **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** The Magnificent Seven **8.00** The Best Of ITV Talk: 50 Years Of Classic Conversation. A

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E4 **6.00** Big Brother Live **2.55** Big Brother's Little Brother **4.00** Friends **5.05** One Tree Hill **6.00** What About Brian **6.55** Big Brother's Diary Room Uncut **7.55** Friends **9.00** Smallville **10.00** Big Brother's Diary Room Uncut **11.05** Big Brother Live **MORE4** **9.00** Scrapheap Challenge **11.05** The Race **2.35** Come Dine With Me **4.15** Come Dine With Me **4.50** Come Dine With Me **5.20** Jamie At Home **5.50** Location, Location, Location **6.55** Property Ladder **8.00** The West Wing **9.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares **10.00** The Real Poltergeist **11.05** Studio 60 On The Sunset Strip **12.05** Father Ted **12.35** Father Ted **1.05** Curb Your Enthusiasm **1.35** Curb Your Enthusiasm **2.00** Close **UKTV GOLD** **6.00** Baywatch **7.00** Dallas **10.00** Doctor Who **11.00** The Vicar Of Dibley **5.00** The Vicar Of Dibley **5.40** The Vicar Of Dibley **6.20** The Vicar Of Dibley **7.00** The Vicar Of Dibley **7.40** The Vicar Of Dibley **8.20** The Vicar Of Dibley **9.00** Dalziel & Pascoe **11.20** The Royle Family **12.00** Men Behaving Badly **12.40** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **1.20** Dallas **2.15** The Royle Family **2.50** Miss Marple **5.35** Neighbours

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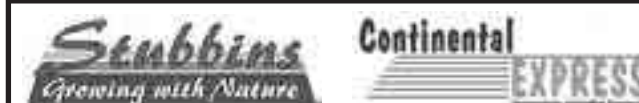
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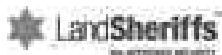
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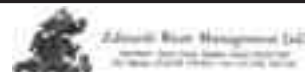
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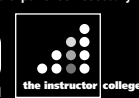
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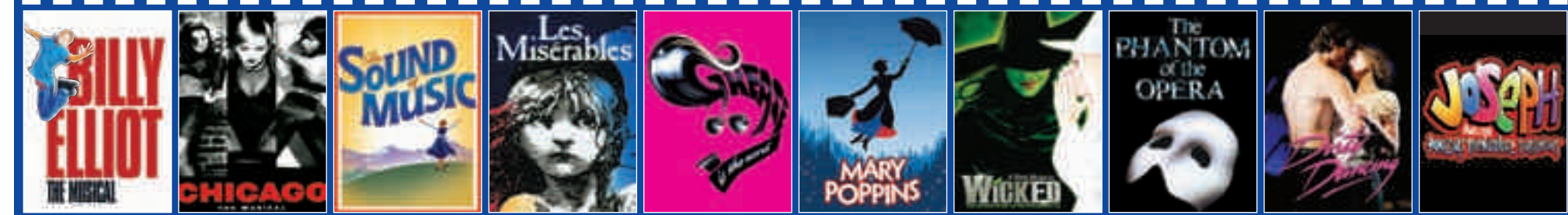
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FEMALE 5ft 7ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, average build, seeking a fun, compassionate man for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 201896**

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ATTRACTIVE blonde female, 35, slim, honest, caring, seeks tall, honest male, 30-40 for fun nights in/out, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 210535**

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DEBBIE 36, single mother, 5ft 4 with long brown hair and a lovely smile, all the usual interests but lonely, seeking someone for romance. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 208046**

SLIM sensual female 30s, seeking a male for friendship and more. Any area. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 241391**

YOUNG looking broadminded female, mid 40s, likes a good night out but even better nights in with good company and a bottle of wine! Can accommodate/travel. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 239641**

GOOD looking, slim, 45yr old blonde, caring, many interests, seeks genuine, kind male for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 216078**

DIVORCED late 40s lady, is looking for passion, intelligence, fun and excitement. Can you give me all these things, plus a little bit more?? Call me, you won be disappointed. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 239948**

ATTRACTIVE mid 50's red head, outgoing, seeks sincere male, 50-70 with young outlook for romance and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 220675**

SLIM blonde late 50s female, seeks special male to care about and to share intimate moments with. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 239949**

ATTRACTIVE bubbly, voluptuous female, 38, seeks male, 35-45 for cosy nights, meals out and a loving relationship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 240136**

BUBBLY reliable female, nice looking, fit and likes a laugh. Leave me a message, then we'll talk. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 241395**

PROFESSIONAL attractive female, lots of interests, loves the outdoors, seeks her soul mate. You must appreciate the finer things in life. You can be of any status. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 239951**

YOUNG looking 40's female, 5ft 3, curvy, attractive, bubbly and black, enjoys laughing and seeks someone to spend time with. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 208125**

BLONDE busty blue eyed female, early 30s, seeks male for discreet fun times. Call to hear more please. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 239955**

ISN'T life a bore without the right person! Female mid 50's, slim, active, N/S, WLTm male who cares about everything! **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 215022**

PRETTY blue eyed, compliant female 20s slim-medium build, fit and toned with curves in all the right places! Likes a good night out, seeking male for fun times. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 239964**



GORGEOUS petite brunette, seeks handsome guy to go on dates with, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 229305**

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 70, young looking, seeks tall, caring male with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 233683**

55YR old female, slim, blonde, professional, solvent, seeks likeminded gent. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 239025**

34YR old blonde, blue eyed, slim female, likes nights in/out, socialising, enjoys cooking, spontaneous male with GSOH for friendship/romance. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 197626**

56YR old blue eyed blonde, seeks male company for nights out, walks, trips away and cosy night in. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 202664**

NURSE 46, tall, dark and slim, outgoing, enjoys cooking, meals out and walking. WLTm a similar tall male for friendship and good times. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 207585**

TOTALLY independent lady, 51, own home, 5ft 10ins, very slim, employed and solvent, seeking a tall gent 50-65 for companionship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209392**

SARAH 34, 5ft 7ins, medium build, likes meals out, cinema, bowling, seeks male, 30-45 with GSOH for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 222554**

JACKIE 46, 5ft 10ins, solvent, OHAC, divorced, likes travel, seeks nice, outgoing male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 225129**

ELAINE 48, young looking, green eyes, fit, medium build, seeks fun date with a nice male. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 191129**

23YR old girl, very independent, knows her own mind, seeks a guy to show her around and more! **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 191871**

BLACK female, 31, slim, tall, honest, caring, seeks white honest male, 35-40 for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 193335**

SOUTH African lady, 58, cool, calm, collected and reliable, seeks a similarly sensual, warm and trust-worthy male to take her beyond this world. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 208036**

CARING slim female, likes countryside, places of interest, seeks similar male for friendship/companionship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 208754**

FUN loving, good looking, early 50's lady, tall, dark haired and slim, seeking special guy who too likes animals, plants and the countryside. 45-60 and 5ft 9 plus. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209381**

INTELLIGENT blonde graduate, 27, seeking romantic caring man, 23-40 for romantic meals out, possibly more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209389**

SINGLE mum, 37, likes nights out, romantic nights in, seeks working male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 216719**

ANN curvy, attractive, fun loving, lives life to the full, WLTm loving, tactile male for LTR, possibly more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 217293**

SINGLE mum, 24, 5ft 5ins, curvy size 12, average looks, dark hair/eyes, glasses, likes pubs, clubs, cinema, days out, seeks similar male. Single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 221346**

LORRAINE caring, easygoing, trustworthy, single mum, 43, 5ft 6ins, medium build, N/S, seeks genuine male for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 223510**

FEMALE 54, enjoys jazz, country walks, conservation, theatre, seeks like minded male. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 228358**

PATSY 40, tall, fair, slim, bubbly, likes music, dancing, seeks loving, respectful male. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 234289**

LOVELY black single mum, likes church, holidays, seeks genuine, loving white male between 30-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 236299**

LOVELY lady 46, seeks reliable, honest, loving male to share life together. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 236721**

ATTRACTIVE female, 43, 5ft 11ins, blonde, GSOH, caring, seeks positive, 6ft plus, N/S male for possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 237531**

HAPPY outgoing, attractive female, 36, 5ft 11ins, single mum, likes food, music, friends, seeks tall, dark, handsome male with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 240625**

ATTRACTIVE slim, affectionate female, 53, fair hair, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, travel, holding hands, seeks professional gent. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 191519**

SINGLE mum, 25, petite, average looks, likes music, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 200000**

24YR old female, medium build, attractive, seeks companion for nights out, friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 202257**

LOVELY mature, petite lady looking for genuine, N/S gent to share good times and possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 208501**

30YR old female, 5ft 3ins, size 10, red hair, green eyes, sociable, seeks male to put the spark back into life. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 208749**

CANCERIAN female 60's, affectionate, caring and loyal, N/S, seeking a gentleman 60-70 to share life with. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209188**

VERY active, happy-go-lucky, early 60's lady, seeks kind, affectionate, genuine male, 57-70, to hopefully share life with. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209253**

CUTE cuddly female, 32, OHAC, generous, seeking a male friend. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209274**

50 something lady, slim, attractive, employed and solvent, seeking a professional male for friendship, possibly more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209276**

ATTRACTIVE genuine blonde, 55, 5ft 3ins, WLTm lovely tall male to start a new life with. Must be loyal, loving and genuine. 45-58. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209375**

YOUNG at heart, N/S sociable female, late 60's, seeks fit, caring gent of similar age for friendship, outings and happy times. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 221409**

ATTRACTIVE caring 31yr old female, seeks male of similar age with GSOH for nights in/out. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 221484**

WOMEN are from Venus ... where are all the men?? **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 222504**

MICHELLE 36, single mum, seeks kind, caring, romantic male, 35-42 for possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 222563**

COASTAL female, attractive, sincere, modern, intelligent, blonde, GSOH, young 61, likes horse racing, seeks similar male with good personality. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 225779**

BUBBLY blonde 42, loves socialising and listening to music, seeking honest and caring male for possible relationship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209395**

59YR old divorced female, N/S, driver, seeks gent for company, outings and meals. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 213891**

JAN 60, new to area, seeks caring gent for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 216103**

TALL attractive blonde, 63, slim, shoulder length hair, likes music, animals, having fun, seeks tall, slim male, with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 221045**

31YR old black female, 5ft 8ins, slim, likes pubs, nights out, cinema, shopping, seeks white male, 36-42 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 228158**

FEMALE 50, seeks male, 50-60 for friendship/LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 230694**

25YR old slim, attractive brunette, likes walks, socialising, meals out, seeks gent, 28-35 with similar interests for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 241785**

TALL blonde, 29, from Poland, seeks male, 30-38 for fun and relaxation. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 225996**

ATTRACTIVE female, 63, GSOH, medium build, likes most things, seeks likeminded male, 60-64 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 227111**

WIDOW 49, 5ft 5ins, N/S, GSOH, enjoys gardening, travel, films, concerts, seeks like minded, solid male. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 228718**

GENUINE female, 42, seeks similar female, fun male. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 228937**

HONEST caring widow, 70, likes nights in/out, socialising, seeks genuine, caring male, 65-75. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 230568**

SUE 39, single mum, likes nights in/out, seeks honest male for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 235783**

TALL attractive, kind, caring, black female, 51, seeks honest, reliable white male, 51-65 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 236707**

YOUNG at heart 60yr old female, N/S, enjoys walks, gardening, cinema, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 190194**

ATTRACTIVE black female, 39, 5ft 6ins, seeks tall, honest, sincere, white gent, 40-50 for friendship, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 203100**

CRAZY fun, slim brunette, 40, divorced, likes football, nights out, seeks male, 40-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 204443**

ACTIVE slim-medium build female, enjoys good food/company, N/S, seeking someone genuine, caring and considerate. Is this you? **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 208007**

ATTRACTIVE brunette, 44, honest, reliable, lovable, GSOH, likes meals out, socialising, holidays, seeks similar male, 35-48 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209009**

BLUE eyed brunette, slim, 50's and very sporty, seeking a similarly honest, caring, N/S gent who's sporty and fit. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209211**

NATASHA 32, still quite new to area, smokes, jokes and love holidays, seeking a fun male to hang out with. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209243**

FULLER figured lady, 55, 5ft 9, animal/countryside lover, seeking honest white male 50-62 for TLC/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209374**

INDEPENDENT female, 5ft 5ins, OHAC, enjoys life, demanding job, N/S, kind, considerate and loyal, seeking male with similar qualities and old fashioned values. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209378**

BUBBLY blonde 42, loves socialising and listening to music, seeking honest and caring male for possible relationship. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 209395**

59YR old divorced female, N/S, driver, seeks gent for company, outings and meals. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 213891**

JAN 60, new to area, seeks caring gent for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 216103**

TALL attractive blonde, 63, slim, shoulder length hair, likes music, animals, having fun, seeks tall, slim male, with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 221045**

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MALE 37, seeks female, for days out and nights in. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 243294**

43YR old male, attractive, solvent, GSOH, romantic, reliable, seeks attractive, gentle female, 25-40 for possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 242868**

TALL professional black male, 46, 6ft, seeks open minded female, 35-55 for fun times. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 242529**

PROFESSIONAL male, fit, fun, down to earth, 5ft 8ins, seeks petite lady, 30-40 for nights out. **Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 242529**

MICK 59, active, easygoing

The home of table tennis in Harlow is set for a £210,000 revamp



By SPORTS EDITOR
ALAN SCOTT

IN the shadow of the plush new multi-million pound Mark Hall Sportscentre lays an equally important and extremely unique community facility, which is run solely by a hard-working band of kind-hearted volunteers.

The Norman Booth Leisure Centre has been thriving since it was taken over by the BATTs (Booth Academy of Table Tennis) club a couple of years ago.

There was outrage when the centre was shut down for two years after a lack of funds forced Harlow Council to close the venue several years ago. But the facility, tucked away at the end of Elderfield in Old Harlow, now is a home to all sorts of sports, including badminton, basketball, short-mat bowls, indoor cricket and five-a-side football, as well as its staple of table tennis.

And now the venue is closing in on a £210,000 revamp.

The Kier Group, which carries out contracting work for Harlow Council, will next year begin a complete renovation of the complex, which was originally built in 1985.

A grant of £17,000 from Essex County Council's Community Incentives Fund in June means the organisation has now acquired an incredible £150,000 towards the cost of the scheme which must start by March.

It means the table tennis club and centre volunteers must now find another £60,000 in the next seven months or so to get the exciting project off the ground.

The work involves building plush new changing rooms and toilets, plus refurbishment work to the kitchen and office and installing a lift for disabled people.

Most importantly a stunning new balcony will be built so spectators can enjoy some refreshments while taking in some of the exciting sport the facility has to offer.

BATTs changed its name to Booth from Burnt Mill when it moved from its former home at the First Avenue secondary school to Old Harlow.

Harlow Council had invited organisations to tender bids to run the sports centre and BATTs' offer was successful and it switched sites in 2006. This was principally because the council wanted a group which would operate the complex with few running costs — i.e. no wages!



BATTs ENTERTAINMENT: Table tennis players compete at the Norman Booth Leisure Centre on Friday. *Inset*, the venue is also used for short-mat bowls



COMMUNITY HERO: Dr Norman Booth, who has a leisure centre in Old Harlow named after him (s)

Pings can only get better . . .

Former GP was hero for community

OLDER readers may be well aware of the work of Old Harlow GP Norman Booth, but many will have never heard of this 'community hero'.

When Harlow Council completed the construction of the Old Harlow sports complex in July 1985, it decided to name it after the doctor, who worked tirelessly for the local community.

This year commemorates the 35th anniversary of the death of Dr Booth, who worked as a GP in Old Harlow from 1927 until 1965.

In addition to his medical activities he was extremely active in sporting and leisure activities.

He served on various sporting clubs and was president of Old Harlow Football Club, as well as the bowls club and cricket club in the old town.

He used to organise a cricket team called the Dr Booth XI, which played matches against sides from surrounding villages.

The annual highlight was the team's tour in Wells, Somerset. Dr Booth also played hockey for Harlow.

So, as you can see, Dr Booth was an all-round sports man and fan. A tribute to Dr Booth on the notice board at the Norman Booth Leisure Centre says: "Norman Booth was a man who worked tirelessly for the good of the Old Harlow community both in his professional life and sporting and welfare activities."

"He was the sort of man who saw a need and then set about quietly organising something to fill that need. He was an unassuming personality who played a most valuable role in the Old Harlow community."

"The council looked for voluntary groups to put bids in. They liked our plan. They don't want a group making money out of it. All our money goes back into the centre," explained 55-year-old BATTs club secretary Neil Brierley, who has been playing table tennis for 40 years.

"The local people think it's a fantastic thing. They hated seeing it shut down. The people love it and want to support it. That's why we are so successful."

Local residents were desperate to see the sports facility re-open and now 12 volunteers work free of charge, so the centre does not have to pay staffing costs.

The complex relies on the tireless voluntary work of people like 77-year-old Ed Nickless, Brierley and chairman Eric Todd, and the rest of its bands of volunteers. These people are at the very heart of its success by opening and closing the venue and making sure the different sports are run on time and well catered for.

Nickless might be approaching 80 but even he still plays table tennis, often with his son-in-law Dave Witteridge and grandson Ian (21).

Unlike Mark Hall, the 'part-time' Norman Booth centre is typically open between 35 and 50 hours a week, but there is scope for it to be open for up to 168 hours — that is if more

volunteers can be found.

The complex may appear to be shut at times, but clubs and organisations can use the facilities — just contact people like Brierley and he can make sure Norman Booth is your new home.

"We are looking to recruit [table tennis] players and clubs who want to start a new activity here," said Brierley. "If someone wants to start a badminton club for two hours a day, we will let them in. In addition, football clubs can come forward to run five-a-side football."

All monies made go towards the running costs and anything else is pumped into the refurbishment fund.

Obviously most financial help comes from BATTs, which now has 80 table tennis players, while England internationals Clive Carthy and Joe Kennedy run coaching sessions at the complex on Friday evenings.

There are plenty of talented players at the club, including some who have won on the national stage.

Sarra Wang (17) and Haylee Potts (14) have both won UK junior girls titles.

The centre could also be home to 2012 Olympic Games competitors — if it is successful in its bid to become a table tennis and badminton training venue for the London event.

In these days of money-making corporations dominating the sports and leisure market, the Norman Booth Leisure Centre is a breath of fresh air.

● IF you would like to join BATTs, become a volunteer at the leisure centre or launch a new club or sports session at the venue, call (01279) 438199.



STALWARTS: BATTs secretary Neil Brierley, left, and volunteer Ed Nickless (VPFVD9WB03). *Inset*, BATTs star player and former UK girls champion Haylee Potts (HTWBJVHW_03)

Fixtures

SATURDAY AUGUST 11

Football

Friendly: Harlow Tn v Enfield Tn.
Essex Senior League: Concord Rangers v Sawbridgeworth Tn.

Cricket

Sommers UK Home Counties Premier League, div two east: Sawbridgeworth v North Myms.
Shepherd Neame Essex League, div two: Southend-on-Sea v Harlow.
Div three: Old Parkonians v Epping.
2nd XI, div one: Harlow v Wickford.
3rd XI, div one: Harlow v Chingford.
4th XI west: Loughton v Harlow.
Ten-17FM Herts & Essex League, div four: Harlow Tn v Bengoe, Potter Street v Farnham II.
Div six: Buntingford II v Harlow Tn II.

TUESDAY AUGUST 14
Essex Senior League Cup, group C: Romford v Sawbridgeworth Tn.

Tables

SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX CRICKET LEAGUE

Tables up to & inc Sat Aug 4

1st XI Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	Nr	Tot
Basildon & Pitsea...	13	10	0	2	1	203
Woodford Wells...	13	9	1	2	1	190
Fives & Heronians...	13	8	1	2	2	180
Harlow	13	4	2	6	1	134
Had'gh & Thunder	13	4	2	5	2	133
Walthamstowe...	13	4	2	5	2	130
Leigh on Sea.....	13	5	2	5	1	129
Southend on Sea...	13	5	1	6	1	128
Billericay.....	13	1	2	7	3	87
Stanford Le Hope...	13	0	1	11	1	59
1st XI Division 3						
Harold Wood.....	13	11	0	1	1	211
O' Southendians...	13	10	2	1	0	205
Bentfleet.....	13	7	1	4	1	167
Buckhurst Hill...	13	7	2	2	2	167
West Essex.....	13	5	0	6	2	136
Old Parkonians...	13	4	0	6	3	128
Old Brentwoods...	13	3	1	7	2	112
Epping	13	3	0	8	2	100
Woodford Green...	13	1	2	8	2	65
Ongar.....	13	0	2	8	3	23
2nd XI Division 1						
Chingford.....	13	6	3	1	3	169
Fives & Heronians...	13	6	4	2	1	159
Saffron Walden...	13	5	3	3	2	154
Upminster.....	13	4	4	3	2	136
Wickford.....	13	5	1	5	2	132
Ardleigh Green...	13	4	5	2	2	129
Horndon on the Hill	13	4	5	4	0	129
Harlow	13	2	6	3	2	120
Gidea Pk, Romford	13	2	4	4	3	112
Stanford Le Hope...	13	0	1	11	1	58

SOMMERS UK HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE

up to and including Sat Aug 4

Division 2 East									
	P	W	D	L	Nr	Tot			
Potters Bar	13	7	0	3	3	215			
Welwyn Gdn City	13	6	1	2	4	200			
West Herts	13	6	2	1	4	198			
Stevenage	13	5	2	1	5	175			
Sawbridgeworth	13	4	1	3	5	150			
Harpenden	13	2	4	3	4	139			
Hemel Hempstead	13	2	3	4	4	137			
North Myms	13	2	1	6	4	122			
Millhills	13	2	2	6	3	119			
Hertford	13	0	2	7	4	88			

TEN-17 FM HERTS & ESSEX CRICKET LEAGUE

up to and including Sat Aug 4

Division 4						
	P	W	D	L	Nr	Tot
Harlow Town	14	10	0	0	4	276
Bengoe	14	8	3	0	3	233
Aspenden St & Puck	14	7	5	0	2	217
Ardeley Walkern	14	7	4	0	3	215
Cloghams	14	7	5	0	2	215
Potter Street	14	5	5	0	4	182
Hockenill I	14	4	6	0	4	153
Theydon Bois II	14	4	8	0	2	152
Little Hallingbury	14	4	9	0	1	144
Farnham II	14	0	11	0	3	61
Division 6						
Buntingford II	14	10	0	0	4	287
Hatfield Heath	14	10	1	0	3	286
Harlow Town II	14	9	3	0	2	262
Roding Valley II	14	8	4	0	2	212
Westmill	14	6	5	0	3	197
Birchanger II	14	5	5	0	4	182
Thorley II	14	5	7	0	2	177
Matching Green II	14	4	9	0	1	134
Hockenill III	14	2	11	0	1	100
Rickling Ramblers II	14	0	14	0	0	48

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3	4	2	6	1	8	9	5	7
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Unbeaten Hawks lift title

HARLOW Hawks maintained their unbeaten record to win the Summer Basketball League for the first time in four years when they beat Ware Rebels in their last game.

However, the determined Rebels team led for long periods before the Hawks finally triumphed.

Harlow opened the scoring with a Zaf Niaz three-pointer, before the Rebels responded with three scores.

Hawks replied through Ilker Ramadan, before three pointers by Zaf and Shab Niaz coupled with a Paul Jessop jump-shot secured an 11-2 run to open up a healthy lead.

Rebels bounced back with a 17-2 run to go ahead and they stayed in front until the latter stages of the second half.

With Ware extending their defence to stop the outside shooting threats, Hawks started to get the ball to their big men, Mike Freeman and Jessop, who both scored.

At the other end, ponderous Hawks defence led to a couple of fouls with Rebels extending their lead.

Harlow Hawks 70, Ware Rebels 59
(Hawks Summer Basketball League)

A swift time-out resulted in Harlow tightening up on defence and they enjoyed an 8-2 run, cutting the deficit to three points at half-time (35-32).

Rebels extended their lead after the interval, while Hawks were scoreless for the first three minutes before close-range shots went in from Freeman and Shab Niaz.

The teams then traded baskets with Jessop getting some easy scores.

The game's momentum changed when good Hawks defence prevented Rebels from scoring for a three-minute period, during which Hawks went on a 13-0 run to take the lead.

Following a few traded baskets, another Harlow run of 9-2 effectively gave them a cushion and they went on to win by 11 points.

HARLOW HAWKS: Freeman (21pts), S. Niaz (17), Jessop (14), Z. Niaz (6), Ramadan (4), Jones (4), Sharma (2), Spashett (2), McBride, Nguyen.



WINNING SMILES: The successful Hawks team, back from left, Shab Niaz, Paul Jessop, Mike Freeman, Amit Sharma and Zaf Niaz. Front from left, Lee Jones, Thanh Nguyen, Tom McBride
(Photo: Tim Jones GCNYFTVS01)

Relegation shadows under-strength team



THE POWER OF 10: Members of Harlow Shotokan Karate Centre celebrate the club's 10th year at Harlow Pool
(Photo: Tim Jones ZKLC44C_01)

Anniversary milestone for Harlow karate club

A HARLOW karate club is celebrating a significant milestone.

The Shotokan Karate Centre has been operating out of Harlow Pool & Fitness Centre for exactly 10 years.

The club was actually established some years earlier at the Harlow Sportcentre, but traces its history back to the

Harlow School of Shotokan Karate that was formed in the late 1970s.

National champion Eleanor Brown is an assistant instructor at the First Avenue complex. Club members regularly train with the England squad at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre.

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THE threat of relegation still hangs over Harlow Athletic Club's men's team after an under-strength side failed to pick up enough points to stave off the drop.

Harlow were missing England ace Andrew Osagie, plus several injured and talented athletes from the final Southern League division three north meeting of the campaign at Peterborough.

Adding to Harlow's woes, the team faced the in-form hosts, plus Cambridge and Stevenage — two teams battling it out for the division three title.

Catherine Bauer's team must now await the result of an appeal lodged with UK Athletics, after Harlow were unable to compete in the pole vault at an event in Bedford earlier this year.

There were still plenty of bright points from Saturday's meeting in Cambridgeshire as the eight-man team, also missing Craig Snook, Derek Glover and Scott Daniel, produced three wins, two seconds, 11 thirds and 9 fourth places to finish fourth overall.

Carl Paxman was in excellent form and produced a personal best time of 52.2 seconds in the 400m.

This came after he leapt past the 6m mark for the first time ever, on his way to victory in the long jump (6.10m).

Not to be outdone, supervet Dave Bauer produced his best ever hammer throw of 36.49m (a personal best by some 1.45m).

The Harlow team were in defiant mood for the 4x400m as Paul Avontuur, Bauer, Chris Clark and Glen Paxman — with a combined weight of over 51 stone — lined up.

They trailed in last but it certainly provided an entertaining finish to what has been a disappointing season.

Club chairman Clark said: "No matter what happens [with the appeal] the whole team would like to take the opportunity to thank the team manager Catherine Bauer for all her hard work throughout the season."

Cambridge won the match — and the league title, with Peterborough claiming second.

Points results:- Carl Paxman — 14pts, A string long jump 1st 6.10m PB, A 400m 3rd 52.2s PB, A 100m 3rd 12.1s, B 200m 3rd 24.9s.

Phil Lidgey — 13, B long jump 1st 5.96m, A javelin 4th 29.14m, A high jump 3rd 1.65m; triple jump 3rd 12.03m.

Lloyd Ellis — 13, A 400m hurdles 2nd 61.9s, B triple jump 2nd 11.68m, B high jump 4th 1.50m, A 200m 3rd 24.6s.

Dave Bauer — 8, A discus 1st 40.43m, A hammer 3rd 36.49m PB.

Chris Clark — 8, B discus 3rd 25.35m, B hammer 3rd 20.95m, B shot put 4th 7.39m.

Ben Davies — 6, A 800m 4th 2.25.0, B 400m 4th 64.2s, A 1,500m 4th 4:40.7.

Glen Paxman — 4, A pole vault 4th 1.05m, B javelin 4th 29.09m.

Paul Avontuur — 2, A shot put 4th 9.41m.

Comeback king Calvin leaps up the UK rankings

CALVIN Barnes leapt up to 14th place in the junior men's UK rankings — after a season best 6.92m in the long jump.

Competing at Chelmsford in the Southern Men's League division one on Saturday, Harlow-based Calvin won the event and in doing so moved up to second in the Eastern Region rankings.

Calvin, who has just completed a two-year Diploma in Sport, has endured a diffi-

cult injury-hit season.

He is coached by former Olympian John Herbert and does most of his training at the new Picketts Lock complex in North London.

On Sunday in a Southern Inter Counties U-17 match at Barnet Copthall Stadium, Essex county athletes Aidan Lee and Mark Hunt were in action against some very strong opposition.

Conditions were stifling with a stiff headwind in the home straight for the Harlow duo.

In the 400m A string, Passmores School student Mark was a fine third behind All England finalists Nathan Wake and Dan Puttman in a great time of 50.1s.

He then helped his county into a super second place in the 4x100m and then ran a blistering 49.5s for his 400m stint in the

4x400m relay in helping Essex into fourth spot.

In the B 400m, Aidan found himself up against Jack Green, a silver medalist at the recent South of England Championships. The Potter Street starlet chased Green all the way to the line in a fantastic new personal best of 49.6s — a time that places him 8th on the UK rankings for U-17 men and second for the Eastern region.

No luck in derby defeat

OLD foes Bishop's Stortford won the bragging rights as the Hawks were made to pay for profligacy in attack.

The first ever meeting at Barrows Farm between these two sides, who were in the same division seven years ago, produced a fairly even affair on Saturday.

Harlow Town will bemoan their lack of fortune, having struck the woodwork three times, while the Blues' clinical finishing secured three goals in the second half and a rather flattering victory.

Hawks boss Ryan Kirby handed a debut to Gavin Taylor, the former Heybridge Swifts striker, who played for new Harlow assistant boss Gordon Boateng at Brimsdown Rovers last term.

Harlow's other new signings, left-back Tom McGowan and midfielder Reece Presdedge, came on as subs. They have also been recruited by Boateng.

The hosts dominated the first half and James Bunn was twice denied by Blues stopper Andy Young before Clark Akers' header from Leon Lalite's corner was pushed onto the bar by the keeper.

Hawks centre-half Danny Chapman saw a header cleared off the line by Blues left-back Mark Wright, while Gavin Taylor blazed over after another Akers effort was parried by Young.

Mark Taylor then struck the outside of a post seven minutes before the break with a right-footed free-kick which he curled around the Stortford wall.

Harlow rued their poor finishing when Roy Essandoh gave Stortford the lead on 49 minutes, slipping home after a pass from Greg Pearson.

Hawks sub Dean Williams, making his

Harlow Tn 0, Bishop's Stortford 3
(Friendly)

first appearance of the pre-season, slid a tempting ball across the face of Stortford's goal on 55 minutes, which Bunn just failed to get on the end of.

The visitors doubled their lead on 63 minutes when referee Mike Smith adjudged Kirby to have fouled Pearson in the area and awarded Stortford a spot-kick. Pearson smashed home the penalty.

Hasell's heroics to deny Blues sub Steffan Gaisie on 77 minutes, were all in vain as fellow sub Alex Martin followed up to complete the scoring.

Harlow's third piece of misfortune came on 82 minutes when Mark Taylor's 25-yard free-kick struck the Stortford bar.

Young hurt himself in trying to save this effort and, after receiving treatment, was replaced by 18-year-old Joe Welch for the closing stages.

Hawks boss Kirby blasted the official, who also forced Harlow to substitute Lalite after what he perceived as a late challenge.

Kirby said: "It was not a bad challenge [from Lalite] but the ref made me take him off."

"The referee then made a decision on a legal tackle and gave them a penalty. The penalty killed the game for us."

"Three-nil seemed a hell of a lot worse than what it was. I was really pleased with the performance, particularly in the first half."

HARLOW TN: Hasell, M. Taylor, Miles, Kirby (Warren 75), Chapman (Hollenbach 67), Akers, Lalite (Prestedge 69), Davis (McGowan 73), Bunn, S. Glidden (Green, 52), G. Taylor (Williams 45).



HARD BUT FAIR: Hawks centre-half Danny Chapman slides in on Blues winger Tim Langer (Photo: Dave Cory TLBNLKT02)

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Batting collapse sparks side's crushing loss

THE batting frailties of Danny Wilson's Sawbridgeworth side were cruelly exposed for the second week running as they crashed to a 142-run defeat in the Home Counties Premier League on Saturday.

The division two east side lost their nine wickets for just 41 runs as they collapsed from 52-1.

Rory Coutts, Steve Ashman and Phil Marshall went early. Only skipper Danny

Wilson reached respectability with 34 as Sawbridgeworth were skittled for 93.

A quickfire 18 off 21 balls by Michael Burrell was the only other double figure contribution.

Electing to bat first, Welwyn earlier made 235-8. Daniel Blacktopp (13) and Eddie Ballard (33) put on 52 for the first wicket.

The hosts were reduced to 86-4, with Ryan Cunningham bowling seven straight maidens.

Paul Reed completed his first ever five-wicket haul at this level with final figures of 5-97 in 20 overs that did not fully reflect how well he bowled. He stepped up as Andrew Richardson was unable to bowl due to injury.

However, Simon White (39) and Ben Frazer (76 off 66 balls) produced an excellent sixth-wicket stand of 109 in just 117 balls.

Reed dismissed White and Southgate in successive balls, but his efforts were in vain.

Thatcher loses Harlow 10 title



QUICK START: Noel Thatcher, above, takes a last look at his watch at the start of the Harlow 10 race (Photo: Kevin Lines GLT27GZT-01)

PARALYMPIAN Noel Thatcher lost his Harlow 10 title as the hot conditions took its toll on the 370 runners.

The 10-mile road race was run in very high temperatures, making it extremely hard work for all the competitors.

Harlow Running Club's Thatcher, who made a late decision to enter — finished 4th in 59 minutes and 36 seconds. He also won the veteran 40 prize and helped the town club secure the men's team title.

New Hall Projects sponsored the event, which began alongside the new housing developments off London Road and ended at the plush new Mark Hall Sportscentre.

The race was won by Simon Powell, of Woodford Green Running Club. He found the conditions to his liking and triumphed rather comfortably in a time of 55 minutes

and 3 seconds.

He was almost four minutes ahead of runner-up Aiden Adams, of Leeds City Running Club.

Terry Fowler of Garden City Runners placed 3rd.

Thatcher led his Harlow Running Club colleagues home, just ahead of John O'Conner (10th), Alan Broughton (21st) and Roy Steven (32nd).

The women's winner for the second year running was Helen Decker of Ipswich Jaffa. She finished in 63.34 and this time was 76 seconds better than her previous winning time.

Decker was four-and-a-half minutes ahead of nearest rival, Julia Palmer (68.13). Megan Norquay, of Thurrock Harriers, was third.

The women's team race was extremely close, with Benfleet just edging out Thrift Green Trotters by two place points.

This was the 18th running of the race, organised by Harlow Running Club.

A club spokeswoman said: "The race cannot be run without the enthusiastic help of all the marshalls and the support of the police in easing any traffic congestion."

Other times:- Male vet 40 — 2nd John Green (Thurrock Harriers) 60.42; 3rd Paul Green (Thurrock Harriers) 60.54.

Vet 50 — 1st Gary Rayner (Springfield Striders) 65.30.

Vet 60 — 1st George Barron (Bishop's Stortford) 72.49.

Men's team event — 2nd Thurrock Harriers.

Female — 2nd Julia Palmer (Benfleet) 68.13; 3rd Megan Norquay (Thurrock Harriers) 69.50.

Vet 35 — 1st Clair Kerr (Ware Joggers) 70.58; 2nd Caroline Hale (Garden City Joggers) 72.13; 3rd Tina Hull (Grange Farm & Dunmow Runners) 72.48.

Vet 45 — 1st Sue Spong (Havering 90 Joggers) 71.51.

Vet 55 — 1st Teresa Flannigan (Pitsea) 92.09.

Women's team event — 1st Benfleet; 2nd Thrift Green Trotters.

Shield misery for Sawbridgeworth

THE new-look Robins crashed 4-0 at Oxhey Jets in the first round of the Herts Charity Shield on Saturday.

Having lost several first team players over the summer, including long-serving defender Stefan Szajewski, Sawbridgeworth Town were also without forwards Kevin Moore and Greg Hughes, who were unavailable.

Despite playing with so many new players, the visitors started well and were only a goal down at the break.

Colin Jenkins opened the scoring for the Herts Senior County League side after 16 minutes, unleashing a shot which hit the inside of a post and went in.

Sawbo fought on and Danny Hudson was denied by the woodwork, before the ball rebounded to safety.

However, Wayne Gladdy's stunning 30-yard strike midway through the second half broke Robins' hearts.

In the final minutes several gaps appeared in the visitors' defence and Lee Taylor added a third on 86 minutes before Chris Harding completed Sawbridgeworth's misery deep into stoppage time.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TN: Clark, Hayter, Crook, Longley, Copland (Day 65) Sontag, Hudson (Childs 58), Peddeley, Buckingham, Hilson, Ward (Simmonds 83).

Epping claim senior scalp

LEON Rolle enjoyed a debut to remember as he stepped off the bench to help Epping win 2-0 at Essex Senior League side Romford.

Rolle scored both goals after coming on as a second-half substitute in last Thursday's match.

Another player on trial, 19-year-old winger Chris Callaghan — once attached to Canvey Island — also impressed.

He played a part in the first goal, playing in Ash Conlan who in turn fed Rolle and the nippy forward tucked the ball home on the hour.

With 10 minutes remain-

ing, Rolle netted his second after some good work from strike-partner Raich Fraser.

Midfielder Lee Ford (20) also made his debut for Neil Whitbread's team.

On Tuesday night, Epping lost 3-0 against a strong Eton Manor team at the Met Police Sports Ground in Chigwell.

Midfielder Ian Batten, who has Ryman division one south experience, made his debut.

Epping are away to West Bergholt in a friendly this Saturday and play Wormley Rovers at Met Police Sports Ground on Tuesday evening.

Ton-up Odedra shines as Harlow go fourth

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Harlow managed to chase the total down in just 41 overs.

The victory moved them just 56 points behind second-placed Woodford Wells.

Butler's side visit third-from-bottom Southend-on-Sea on Saturday and the Harlow captain believes his side who are in for a tough test against a side scrapping for their division two lives.

They have got a good overseas player. They are not a bad side," he said.

The Marigolds chief has been impressed with the form of teenagers Rehman Ahmed and Nilesh Mohdwadia this term.

The confidence of all-rounder Ahmed and batsman Mohdwadia took a dip earlier in the season and they dropped down to the seconds, but have returned and looked in good nick of late.

"They found it difficult earlier in the season, but they have really improved," said Butler.

In division three, Epping's impressive total of 265-8 declared was still not enough

as opponents West Essex mustered 267-5.

Geoff Maynard's side still picked up 10 points for scoring so highly.

This was thanks to, among others, Darren Bickley, who scored an excellent 60.

West Essex bowler Z. Nazir took 5-89 and then hit 78 with bat in hand.

He was assisted by M. McCloud (53) and Riaz (52).

Epping are third from bottom.

In the 2nd XI Championship, Harlow are eighth in division one after a 29-run victory against Upminster.

Batting first Harlow put on 150 (J. Mack 6-63), while their opponents were bowled out for 121 (K. Zada 5-37).

Harlow III's are third after a seven-wicket defeat to leaders Woodford Wells.

J. Allen's 60 steered Harlow to 171, but a knock of 70 from T. Cabin enabled Woodford to reach their target (172-3).

In 4th XI west, bottom club Harlow (132-6) drew with Wansted's 5th team (222-6 declared).

Yates celebrates birthday in style with seven-wicket haul

BIRTHDAY boy Ronald Yates was the hero for Harlow Town as they defeated neighbours Potter Street to move a step closer to promotion in division four of the Ten-17FM Herts & Essex Cricket League.

Left-armed Yates claimed seven wickets for just 28 runs on his 21st birthday, as Street were dispatched for 158 runs.

Town had earlier put on 178-4 to win by 20 runs.

It was a young and inexperienced Harlow batting line-up.

After losing the toss and batting first the hosts were put under pressure from some good tight bowling from Street's openers Paul Lenihan and Waheed.

Steve Murtagh went early for Town with 27 on the board and the home side had to dig in on a pitch which was providing plenty of assistance with the new ball.

The next partnership was crucial with the in-form Pat Yates (66) and Ramaya Upadhyay (68) putting on 81 for the second wicket.

This gave Harlow the platform to push on and accelerate

towards a challenging final total of 178.

In reply, Street made a steady start with Town unable to make a quick breakthrough.

Chandon Katoch (39) and Mustaq Ahmed (50) at one point looked likely to chase down the score with a variety of aerial shots. However, Ronald Yates had other ideas and carved his way through the Street innings with career best figures.

With help from his brother Pat, who claimed three stumpings, the victory was completed with eight balls of the innings left and the final seven wickets falling for just 40 runs.

In division six, Harlow Town's second team (255-8) beat Birchanger IIs (213-8) by 42 runs to keep up their hopes of promotion.

Batting first, Town put up a strong batting display with opener Max Poulter top scoring with a season best of 76.

He was supported by Karl Seecharan with a typically fluent 37 and Charlie Coleman who hit an impressive 39.

Birchanger ran out of overs as Coleman (4-44) strangled them.

Hammers head to Barrows Farm

WEST Ham United Ladies make their eagerly-awaited Barrows Farm debut in a pre-season friendly against FA Premier National League side Watford on

Sunday (noon KO). Watford were champions of the FA Premier Women's League South last season and did the double over the Hammers. But new Hammers

boss Tony Marshall has signed eight new players, including Natalie Crinean, a summer signing from Charlton Athletic, who has hit three goals in pre-season.

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Ton-up Odedra shines as Harlow go fourth

A MAGNIFICENT century from Niles Odedra helped Harlow to a relatively comfortable victory over rock bottom Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday.

The win moved James Butler's side up to fourth in the table, but with only two sides going up the Marigolds skipper believes the gap could be too great for his team to consider promotion from division two. "Not at this time of the year — unless there is an absolute disaster for one of the teams," he said.

On a quick outfield, Stanford batted first and put on 219-7 before declaring after 52 overs.

Nick Butler, who was Harlow's best bowler with 3-

Stanford-le-Hope 219-7d
Harlow 220-7

(Shepherd Neame Essex League, division two)

69, scored 20 and put on 40+ in an opening stand with Odedra which gave the visitors a solid platform.

There were a few wobbles when Iain Nuttall (0) and Zap Nazir (3) fell cheaply, but the captain steadied the ship, making 15, as he and Odedra (117 not out) saw Harlow home.

"The innings from Niles was top drawer. He has scored quite a few runs for us this year," said Butler.

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Boat' comes in for Hawks



NEW ARRIVAL: Hawks newly-appointed assistant boss Gordon Boateng

Kirby appoints former Brimsdown boss as No.2

WITH the Ryman premier campaign just nine days' away, the Hawks have made an important off-the-pitch signing in the form of new assistant boss Gordon Boateng.

The 26-year-old, who managed Spartan South Midlands League side Brimsdown Rovers to the division one title last season, has already brought three new players to Barrows Farm with more set to follow.

Boateng, who has coached at Harlow Town's close neighbours Bishop's Stortford, was appointed after talks with Hawks' director of football Tommy Cunningham and will work alongside manager Ryan Kirby.

Kirby said: "He has been doing really well at Brimsdown, but he felt he had gone as far as he could with them.

"He seems to have the same ideas as myself. He's got ambition."

Boateng, who has a level two FA coaching badge, is looking forward to the challenge. "It's a big opportunity to be working alongside Ryan Kirby at Harlow. The structure of the club is fantastic. It's of a different class," he said.

"I know about the Ryman League, and I know what it takes to push the club forward."

Boateng has snapped up striker Gavin Taylor, who was with him at Brimsdown, along with midfielder Reece Presededge.

Meanwhile, left wing-back Tom McGowan, who was with Dagenham, has also joined.

At Brimsdown, Boateng led the side to a resounding double last season, which included winning the first division by 12 points, with 109 goals scored and 15 conceded.

In 2001, Boateng was a first team player for Kvinesdal IL in Norway, where he was also the manager of their U-19 side.

The injury-plagued Boateng was forced to quit the game early, and decided to pursue a career in coaching.

Boateng replaces Bill Songhurst, who will now oversee the new youth, ladies and disability teams.

On Tuesday night, Harlow suffered a disappointing 3-1 defeat in a friendly at United Counties League side Stotfold, managed by former Hawks boss Ian Allinson.

Hawks, missing several first team players, gave a debut to new signing Andy Julius, who impressed at the back, while left-sided midfielder Martin Williams came on in the second half after joining from Hoddesdon. Kirby also gave a first-team debut to Xaniel Doku after the break, following a goalless first half.

Early in the second half, Stotfold broke the deadlock when former Hawk and manager's son Lee Allinson scrambled home.

Gavin Donnolly chipped Harlow keeper Michael Dumoulin — who has returned after a spell at Erith & Belvedere last season — to double the hosts' lead.

Allinson broke to make it 3-0 on 85 minutes.

Williams grabbed an injury-tie consolation for Hawks.

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